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A Brief History of Rush Medical College:

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Rush Medical College received its charter on March 2, 1837, two days before the city of Chicago. At that time, it was the first institution of higher learning chartered in Illinois and one of the first medical schools to open west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Rush Medical College founder, Dr. Daniel Brainard (1812 – 1866), named the school in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush (1745 – 1813), who was the only physician with formal medical education to sign the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Rush was a great humanitarian and patriot dedicated to community service and improvements in the practice of medicine. His prolific writings on the subject of mental illness earned him the title “Father of American Psychiatry.”

In 1843 with a class of twenty-two students, Rush Medical College officially opened its doors for its first sixteen-week session. During its first century of operation more than 10,000 physicians received their training at Rush. Many of these Rush Alumni played pivotal roles in the advance of medicine and medical education, while embodying the spirit of humanism and compassionate service that continue to be Rush’s hallmarks.

As Chicago grew, so did Rush’s interaction with other health care organizations such as: City Hospital, which became Cook County Hospital in 1866; St. Luke’s Hospital established in 1864; Presbyterian Hospital founded in 1883 with the support of the Rush faculty; and the University of Chicago, with which Rush Medical College was affiliated from 1898 to 1942.



With the onset of World War II and the completion of clinical facilities on the Midway, Rush discontinued its undergraduate education at the University of Chicago. However, the library and charter were maintained by a group of Rush Trustees, and the Rush faculty continued to teach medical students of the University of Illinois at Presbyterian, and later Presbyterian-St Luke’s Hospital, which was formed through a merger in 1956.

In 1969, Rush Medical College joined with Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital to form Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke’s Medical Center, and in 1971, Rush Medical College reopened with a class of 66 first-year students and 33 third-year students. The next year, Rush Medical College became part of the newly formed Rush University, which also included the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences, and The Graduate College. In 2003, the Medical Center officially changed its name to Rush University Medical Center, to reflect the important role education and research play in furthering its mission of compassionate patient care.

The original logo of Presbyterian-St. Luke’s was an anchor cross, an early Christian symbol drawn from the scripture and representing faith and hope. When Rush merged with Presbyterian-St. Luke’s in 1969, the stylized version seen today was developed to remind those educated through Rush of the mission and values of the institution. The anchor-cross lives on in the seal of Rush University (below).



Cover and Title Page:

The Rush Medical College seal was designed by Rush faculty and adopted in 1878. On the face of the seal, Æsculapius’ two daughters, Hygeia (left) and Panacea (right), lead Hygeia’s son, Telephorus, to the altar of Æsculapius, the Greek god of healing. In Greek mythology, these two goddesses often assisted their father with rites of healing, while, Telephorus was traditionally known as the Greek god of convalescence. On the altar is the fire of healing knowledge, symbolizing the hope that future generations will advance medical knowledge and healing. The inscription beneath the altar is the year Rush was founded (1837) in roman numerals. The Latin abbreviation around the seal (Collegii Medicinæ Rushiensis Sigillum) stands for “Seal of Rush Medical College, Chicago.”

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Dear Class of 2008:

Four years ago, we gathered together with your friends and family (including your new family here at Rush), and celebrated the rite of passage of The White Coat Ceremony. Today we are on the verge of celebrating the ultimate rite of passage: graduation from medical school. In the academic world, we often demarcate time with these events. Indeed, time will appear to stand still during Commencement weekend. And yet, so many things have happened in four years.

The early twenty-first century is witnessing a number of enormous changes in health care education, and hopefully in health care itself. You have seen some of these, with the increased use of electronic teaching techniques, and the reduced dependence on lectures to transmit knowledge. The installation of Epic, a long-term project, will transform the way in which all of us as physicians use data to provide care to our patients. And the new East Tower hospital addition, which was completely planned during your time at Rush, will change the way interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals practice.

Some of you will stay here at Rush to continue with your residency training, while others will find new academic homes. Please do not forget, no matter where or how you practice, that you are a life-long learner, and that what you learned at Rush is only a foundation for the building blocks that you will continue to add to your knowledge and your skills. I am very proud of every one of you, and I hope that you will be proud to proclaim, as those before us have done for 170 years, that you are "a Rush physician".

With great anticipation for your future,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Deutsch'.

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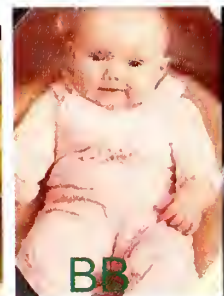
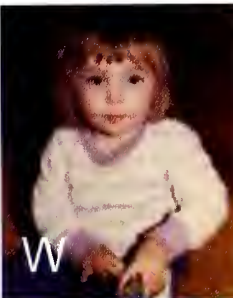
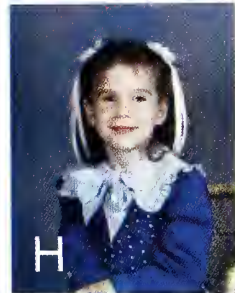
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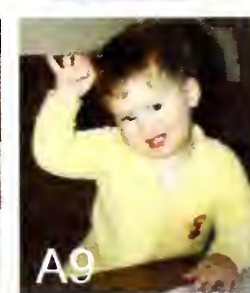
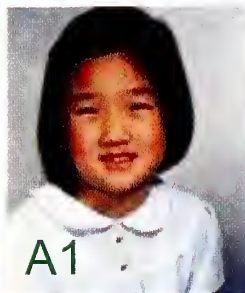
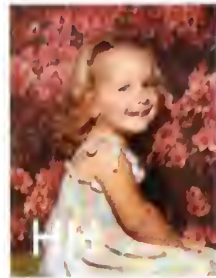
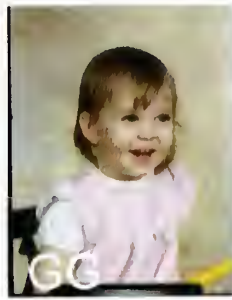
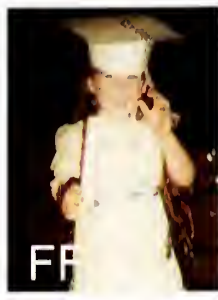
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Chubby Cheeks!!!

Can you guess which future doc is which??





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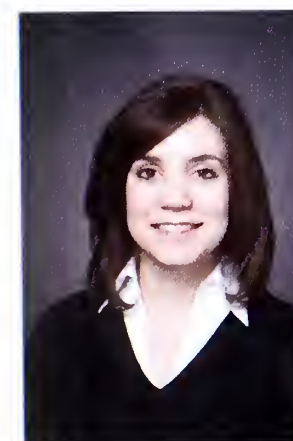


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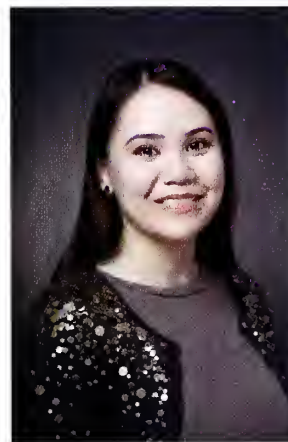


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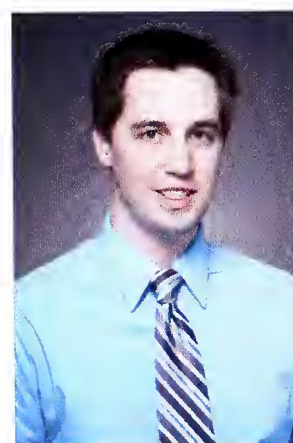


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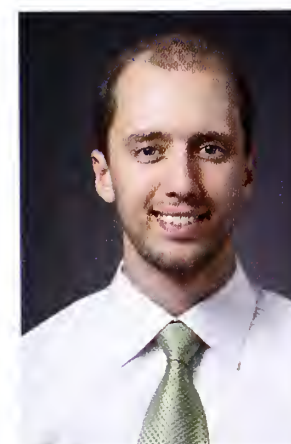


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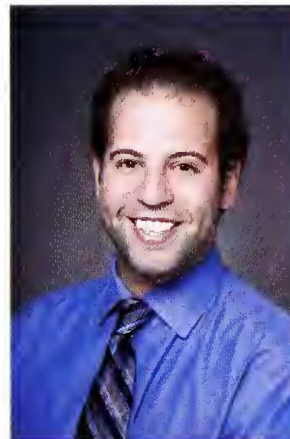


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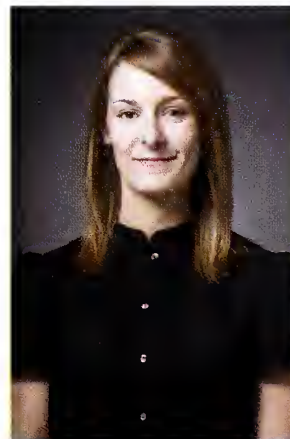
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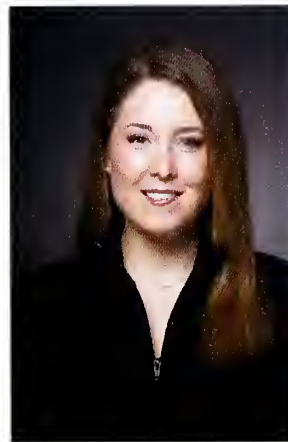


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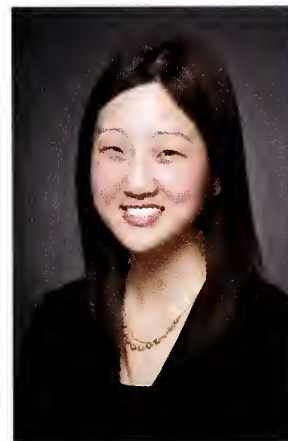


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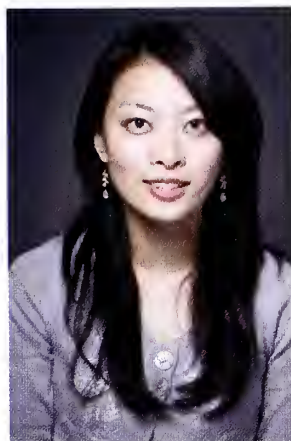


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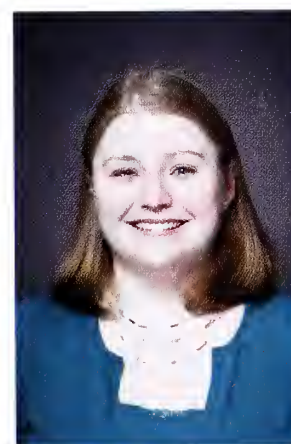


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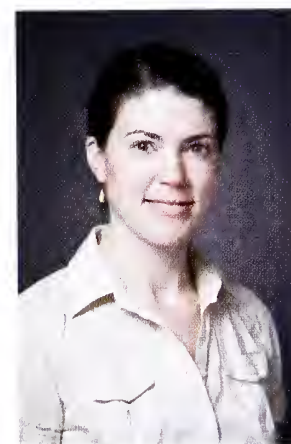


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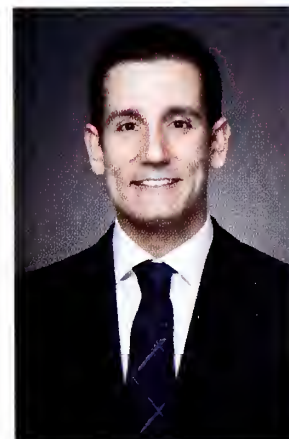


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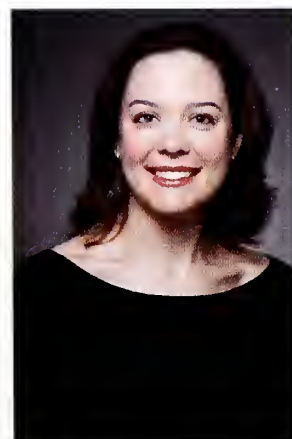
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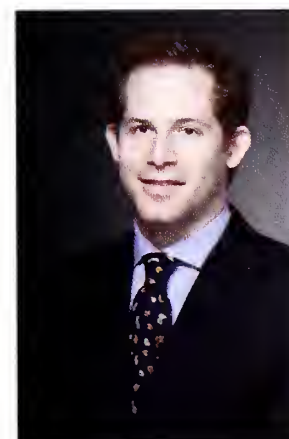


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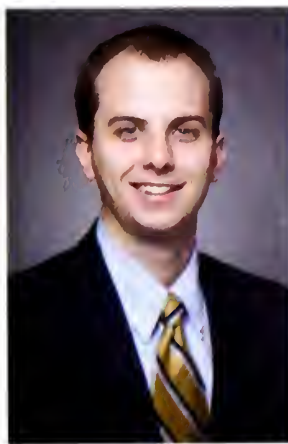


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Nationwide Children's Hospital
– OH



Katie Zettinger

B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Emergency Medicine:

Cook County-Stroger Hospital
– IL



Charlene Zimmerman

B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Internal Medicine:

Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Graduating Seniors not pictured:

Gregory Bosh

B.A. Northwestern University

Medicine Prelim:

University of Illinois COM - IL

Diagnostic Radiology:

Eastern Virginia Medical School - VA

Breanne Briskey

B.S. Elmhurst College

Psychiatry:

Rush University Medical Center, Chicago - IL

Ying Cao

M.Eng. Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

B.S. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Psychiatry:

University of Illinois COM - IL

Iva Cela

B.S. Benedictine University

Internal Medicine:

Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Colleen Correll

B.S. University of Illinois at Chicago

Pediatrics:

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals – Milwaukee, WI

Jessica Daniels

B.S. Sonoma State University

Pathology:

St Josephs Hospital – AZ

Wendy Huang

B.A. The University of Chicago

Transitional:

Swedish Covenant Hospital – IL

Ophthalmology:

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary – NY

Meiling Hua

B.A. Johns Hopkins University

Obstetrics & Gynecology:

Barnes-Jewish Hospital –MO

Sachin Jain

M.P.H. Johns Hopkins University;

B.S. University of Illinois at Chicago

Internal Medicine:

Yale-New Haven Hospital – CT

Walter Lampa

B.A. University of Illinois at Chicago

Psychiatry:

Rush Univ Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Victoria Mark

B.S. Illinois Institute of Technology

Internal Medicine:

Allegheny General Hospital Program – PA

Laura Mayer

B.A. The College of William and Mary

Pediatrics:

Sanford University Programs – CA

Azher Merchant

B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Emergency Medicine

Univ of Maryland Medical Center – MD

Patrick Park

B.A. The University of Chicago

Medicine Prelim:

University of Illinois – St Francis Medical Center

Anesthesiology

Rush Univ Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Jeffrey Percak

B.A. Pomona College

Internal Medicine:

Tulane University School of Medicine – LA

Guo Phoenix

B.A. The University of Chicago

Internal Medicine:

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital – IL

Mita Patel

B.A. Washington University in St. Louis

Internal Medicine:

Rush Univ Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Lisa Roller

B.A. Purdue University

Transitional:

Resurrection Medical Center - IL

Diagnostic Radiology

Rush Univ Medical Center – Chicago, IL

Scott Simmons

B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Family Medicine:

Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education – FL

Biggest Parties



Vip Mangal & Meiling Hua

And The Winners Are...

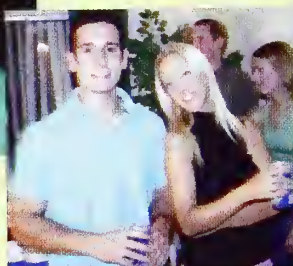


Cutest Couples

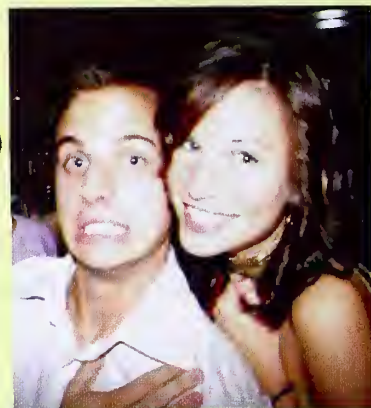


Lakshmi Warrior
Vikram Sobti

Josh Podjasek &
Jenna Petschke

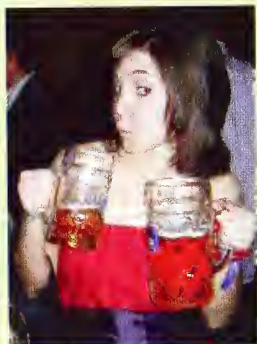


Best Dressed



Andy Sheean &
Laura Pignotti

Most Likely To Be Late For Class



Walter Lampa &
Marina Arvanitis

Most Likely To Be Voted Chicago's Top Docs



Josh Podjasek
& Lia Bernardi

Loudest Whisperers



Andrea Chen &
Jake Mandel



Most likely to Interrogate Med Students as Attendings

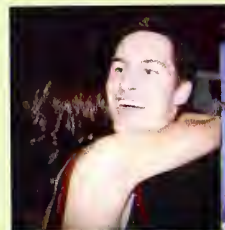


Anne Pizzi



& Andy Sheean

Best Team Players



Mike Hehman &
Priti Jani



Worst Dancers

Best Dancers



John Spellman & Lakshmi Warrior



Mark Hamming & Andrea Chen

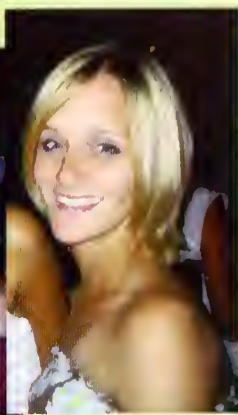


Best Looking



Rachel Neems & Adam Isadore

Best Haircuts



George Selas & Amy Hanson

Most Likely To Fix The Broken Projector in Lecture Hall



Robert Sedlacek & Mike Niaki

Best Study Snacks



Amy Hanson

& Dave Stasior

Most Likely To Save The World



Jeff Percak



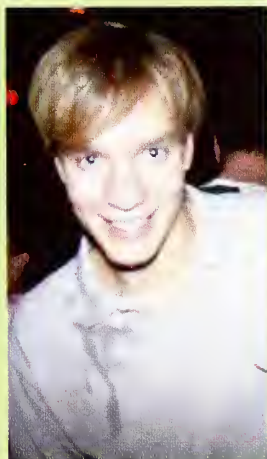
Charlotte Jonsson

Most Likely To Wear High Heels With Scrubs



Michelle Cecchini
& Meiling Hua

Clumsiest



Mark Hamming & Kulsum Akbar

Best Softball Players



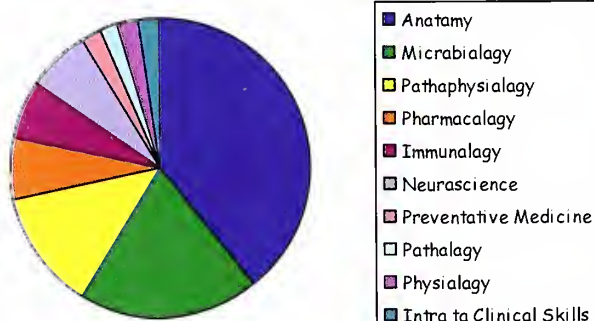
John Spellman & Lia Bernardi

Best Halloween Costumes

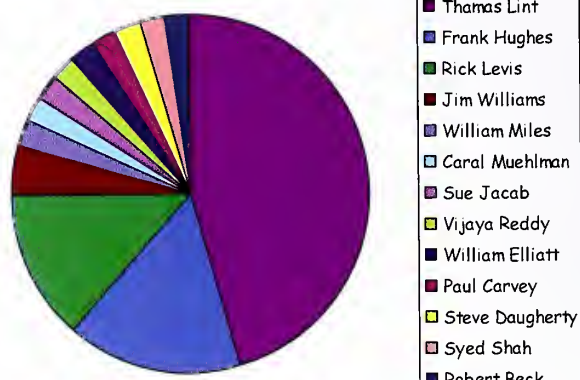


Dave Stasior
& Laura Pigrotti

Favorite Pre-Clinical Courses



Favorite Pre-Clinical Instructors



Deep Thoughts from our Attendings and Residents...



"Just do it."



"Do what you have to for your patient so that you can sleep at night."



"Keep reading."

"Med school is set up the way it is for a reason. Don't get discouraged and keep trying to learn what is being presented to you."

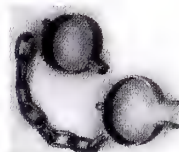


"Don't drop it!"

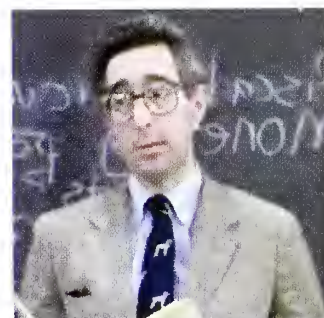
—Dr. Pierce on OB service



"All bleeding eventually stops."



"If someone lets you go home, then go home!"



"Do you know what a 'dirty Sanchez' is?"

Just some of our favorite people...

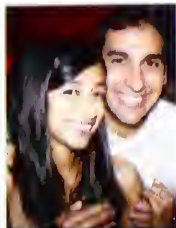
Favorite Attendings... Dr. Bagri, Dr. Bob Bowser, Dr. Butch, Dr. Deziel, Dr. William Elliott, Dr. Farral, Dr. Jacob Fox, Dr. Gashti, Dr. Viju John, Dr. Kanner, Dr. Paul Kent, Dr. Koo, Dr. Palek, Dr. Lateef, Dr. Stephanie Luther, Dr. Benjamin Mba, Dr. Keith Millikan, Dr. Munoz, Dr. Palek, Dr. Sham Prabakaran, Dr. Brendan Reilley, Dr. Brian Rudinsky, Dr. Janet Rucker, Dr. Saclarides, Dr. Schiener, Dr. Scotallero, Dr. Syed Shah, Dr. Silver, Dr. Sunit Singla, Dr. Cynthia Waikus, Dr. Stephanie Wang

Favorite Residents... Sri Atluri, Prakash Balan, Jennifer Bernard, Ming Chien, Niki Christopoulos, Niraj Desai, Jennifer Erickson, Lily Hwang, Shelby Joseph, Tameem Kaka, Kanako Kawai, Sonali Khandelwal, Joel Krier, Mike Liu, Eric Manick, Sarah Monahan-Estes, Juanita Mora, Jennifer Nashel, Anand Patani, Suzanne Pham, Troy Pittman, Jeff Pua, Mahesh Raju, Mike Silverstein, Andrew Stemer, Lauren Tang, Amni Tucker, Sam Weisberg, Tim Yau, and (last but not least) the anesthesia resident that looks like Noah Wylie

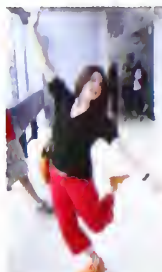
Favorite Rush Memories...



IM Football Champs



Meeting Warrior



Finishing Finals



Mike Hehman's M1 greeting speech

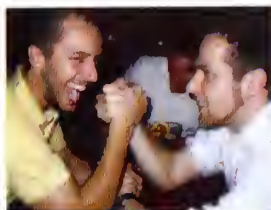
Softball Tournaments



Post Exam Parties



Match Day



Arm wrestling competitions in the library



Dr. Lint demonstrating the "whooping cough", Seeing a CML pt. a few weeks later after being in the hospital where he was diagnosed, and he was out of his blast crisis, Studying with Ok-kyung Kim while pigging out during finals, Peralta, Dominican Republic, White Coat Ceremony, Michelle Cecchini's Halloween Party during M1 year, Dodgeball Tournament, Walking into the library/classroom and getting hugs from Dave, Gabe and Mike Hehman, Killing Step 1, Summer off between M1 and M2 year, Every time a patient truly thanked me, Hawkeyes lunch trips during first year, Anti-love Pod, The people!

Least Favorite Rush Memories..



First day of M3 year, Walking to Cook County in sub-zero temperatures, Everything related to taking Step 1, Dropping my pager in the middle of the floor after a bloody gyne surgery, The talk that Dr. Jones gave about our health insurance coverage, Fighting with our insurance company, Studying for Step 1, Anatomy Practical Exams, General Surgery Sub-I, Biochem Exams, Finals week, Losing Joey Veloso's surgery book days before the shelf exam, Leaving my car locked and running for approximately 29 hours while on call, Getting drunk at AMSA convention M1 year, Histology, M1 and M2 years, Crash Course, Night Float, Taking Step 1, OB/Peds rotation, Call nights, Anatomy Lab, My two favorite people staying back a year

Funniest Rush Memories..



Robert the photographer at post-exam parties

"What's a teratoma?"



HR shirtless at the softball game



Getting helicoptered out of Peralta, Dominican Republic



Mark Hamming's "short shorts" at the dodgeball tournament

Robert dressed like a nurse on Halloween



Gyne Clinic with Natasha and Marina, Dr. Atkins' pants falling down during surgery, Icebreakers, Softball tournaments, Someone wearing a foot booty on their head, Watching Vip turn green while practicing blood draws, Hearing about Mike Hehman's first experience with meconium, The fire alarm going off every ten minutes for an hour the day before the M1 anatomy exam, Mike Hehman's welcome speech to the M1 class, Blood draws

In Other News...

2004

Aug. 13: Summer Olympic Games of 2004 return home to Athens



Sept. 9: Secretary of State Colin Powell testifies that rapes and mass killings in Darfur qualify as genocide.



Oct. 6: Britney Spears marries hip-hop wanna-be Kevin Federline in surprise at-home ceremony...enter K-fed!

Oct. 6: Reports indicate that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction

Nov. 12: Scott Peterson found guilty of murdering his wife Laci & unborn son

Nov. 3: Bush wins a second term as president.

Dec. 26: Tsunami Tragedy in Indonesia: Death toll rose to 178,000 in 11 countries



2005

Jan 1: Brad Pitt and Jennifer Anniston file for separation (later divorce) citing irreconcilable differences



Feb. 16: National Hockey League Season officially cancelled because of disagreement on salary caps

Mar. 31: Terri Schiavo dies, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed.

Jun 28: Canada Approves Gay Marriage.

Jul 1: Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, announces her retirement.



Jul 24: Lance Armstrong retires after winning his 7th straight Tour De France

Aug. 28: Hurricane Katrina strikes Southern US. 80% of New Orleans is flooded. Death toll >1300.



Oct. 26: The Chicago White Sox sweep the Houston Astros to win their first world series since 1917.

Nov 29: Doctors in France perform the world's first face transplant on woman disfigured by dog.

2006

Jan. 5: Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, suffers a massive stroke, Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert takes over.



Feb. 4: Throughout the Muslim world, angry demonstrators smash windows, set fires, and burn flags, protesting cartoons that depict Muhammad in a negative light.



Mar 9: Dubai Ports World pulls out of deal to run several U.S. ports after many protests across the country.

Apr. 12: Massachusetts Enacts Universal Health Coverage Legislation signed by Gov. Mitt Romney.

May 27: Angelina Jolie gives birth in Namibia to her and Brad Pitt's baby - Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt



June 8: FDA Approves *Gardasil* vaccine for human papillomavirus, which will help to prevent cervical cancer



Aug. 24: FDA Approves Morning-After Pill to be sold over the counter

Oct. 26: Bush Signs Legislation to Build 700-mile fence between the U.S. and Mexico



Nov. 7: Democrats Take Over Congress in Midterm Elections



Nov. 20: Celebrity superstars Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes marry in Italy, after the birth of their baby girl Suri.

Dec. 13: National Institutes of Health announces circumcision lowers risk of getting AIDS

Dec 30: Saddam Hussein executed, cell phone recording leaks and sparks outrage



2007



Jan. 4: California Democrat Nancy Pelosi takes the gavel of the 110th Congress after being elected the first female speaker.

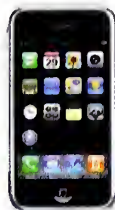
In Other News...

2007 (Cont.)

Jan 9: Apple introduces the iPhone



Feb. 4: Chicago Bears lose Super Bowl XLI to the Indianapolis Colts



Feb. 8: Anna Nicole Smith dies suddenly amidst controversy surrounding the death of her son and the paternity of her infant daughter.

Feb 26: Martin Scorsese wins an Oscar for best picture: "The Departed"



Mar 1: Washington Post article reports on dilapidated facilities and inadequate care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Mar 6: Lewis "Scooter" Libby is found guilty of lying to FBI agents and to a grand jury in the investigation of who leaked to the press the name of a covert CIA agent.

Mar 10: Khalid Shaikh Mohammed admits responsibility for the attacks on the United States on Sept 11th and a role in many others.

Mar 26: Sales of US homes fall 3.9% to lowest rate in 7 years.

Apr 16: A male gunman kills 32 at Virginia Tech before committing suicide in the worst school shooting in US History.



May 3: The disappearance of British girl Madeline McCann makes world headlines from Portugal.



May 10: Tony Blair resigns as prime minister of the United Kingdom after ten years.

Jun 12: Sudanese officials agree to allow a joint peacekeeping force of about 19,000 troops from the African Union and the United Nations to be deployed to Darfur.

Jul 2: Bush Commutes Libby's Sentence Calling the 30-month sentence of I. Lewis Libby excessive.

Jul 21: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" the 7th and final installment in J. K. Rowling's best-selling series debuts, selling more than 8.3 million copies.



Aug. 1: An eight-lane interstate bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota breaks into sections and falls into the river, killing 13 and injuring 60.



Aug 13: Karl Rove, highly influential and controversial advisor to President Bush, resigns his position as deputy chief of staff.

Sept. 10: Gen. David Petraeus tells members of the Congress that the U.S. military needs more time to meet its goals in Iraq.

Oct. 5: Marion Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Olympics, three of them gold, pleads guilty to making false statements about her use of performance-enhancing drugs.



Nov. 20: Two teams of scientists, one in Wisconsin the other in Japan, announce they have discovered a way to make embryonic stem cells without using embryonic stem cells.

Dec. 27: Former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto dies at a campaign rally.



Dec. 13: The Mitchell Report accuses 89 current and former MLB players of using illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

2008



Jan. 3: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee are victorious in the Iowa caucuses.



Feb. 5: Super-duper Tuesday: Primaries and caucuses are held in 24 states. Arizona senator John McCain emerges as the clear front runner among Republicans



Feb. 14: Gunman at Northern Illinois University kills six students and the himself and wounds 15 more when he opens fire on a classroom.



Feb. 19: Fidel Castro permanently steps down after 49 years in power in Cuba.



Mar: 4: John McCain secures the Republican nomination for President. Mike Huckabee drops out of the race.

Jun: 14: The Rush Medical College Class of 2008 graduates!



Weddings & Engagements



Timothy & Kristen
Lindquist



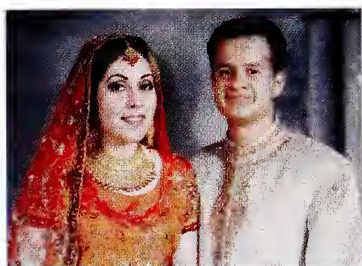
Kulsum &
Zafar Musvi



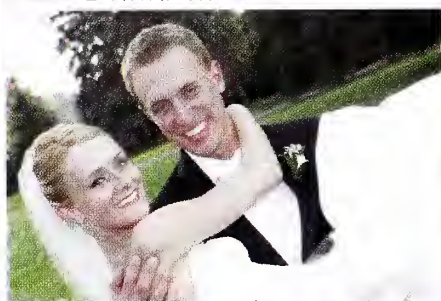
Vikram Solti &
Lakshmi Warrior



Jessica Grempe &
Jim Hoelzle



Hina Ahmad &
Shahzad Sultan

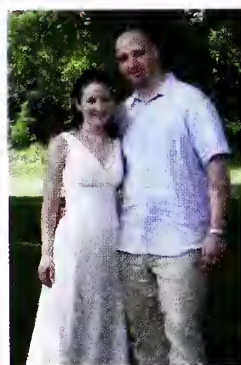


Amy & Eric Hanson



Kristen & Isaac
Labovsky

Emily Mueller &
David Kochanowski

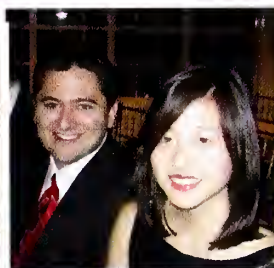


Alexis & Eric
Bond



Jenna Petschle &
Josh Podjasek

Laura & Will
Carter



Frances Lim &
Michael Liberty



Jaci & Jon Novales



Wendy Huang &
Piotr Obara



Stephannie Hensler
& Mike Gardon



Faalza Vaince &
Shabir Abadin



Charlene & Chris
Murdakes

Sara Englum &
Vice Velarde

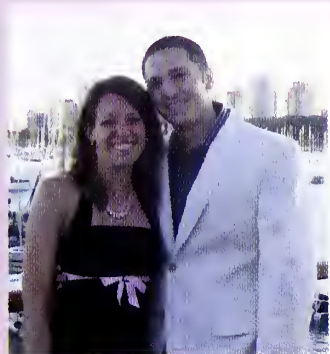


Olga Pasternak &
Corey Wise

Vipul & Morgan
Mangal



Maggie McNulty &
Chris Chan



Katie Zettinger &
Dino Tataris



Michael & Michelle
Hehman

Henry Govekar &
Colleen Morrissey



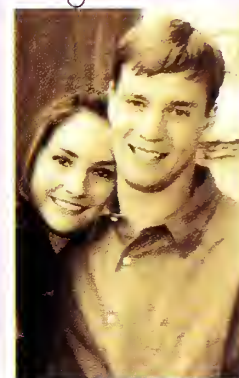
John & Brittany
Spellman

Adam Schiff &
Danielle Goss



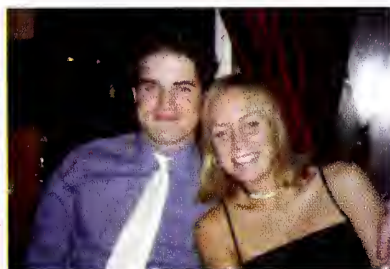
David Hulata &
Antoinette Dalcamo

Mark Hamming
&
Lesley Meade



Ankita Gandhi &
Nilay Ahah

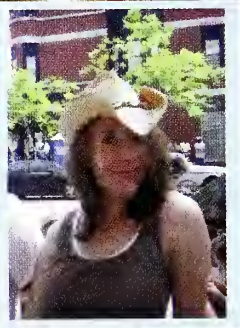
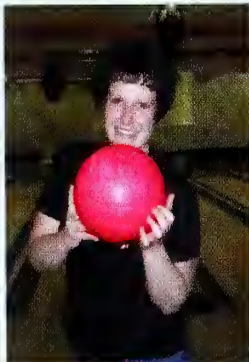
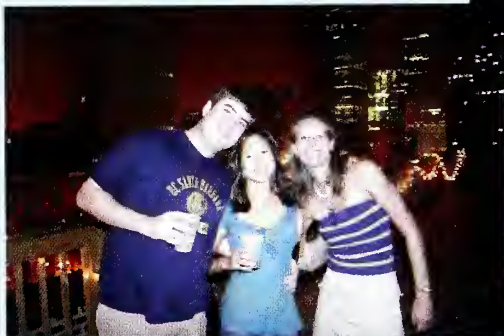
Noah Parker &
Erika Detmer

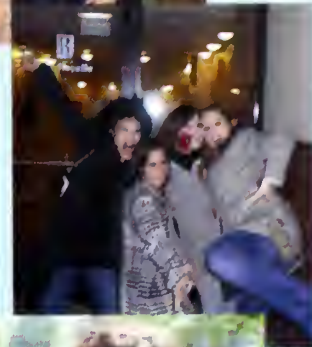


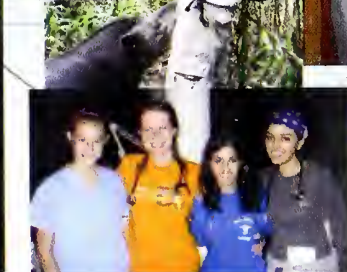
Chris, Kelley and the newest Bender...Gavin!



Summer Home Chicago







To Relax and Save the World





Book Sale

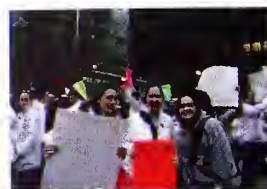


Pharm Free!

AMSA



National Convention
2005 In D.C.



Rallies for Health Care Justice



The American Medical Student Association at the local and national levels was active in promoting social justice issues, participating in advocacy, and fighting for universal healthcare.



National
Convention
2006

In Chicago



Welcome BBQ -2005 w/ Dr Williams' Testimony

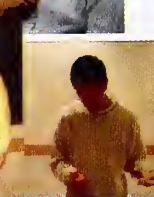


Thanksgiving Potlucks



CMDA

The Christian Medical and Dental Association through local prayer and bible study, and the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck's ministered to Students at Rush.

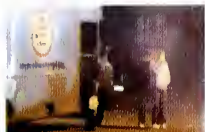




RCSIP:



The Rush Community Service Initiatives Program is a collection of clinical and non-clinical volunteer opportunities for Rush Medical College (RMC) students, run by our peers. At print time, there were 7 active clinical sites: Community health, Franciscan, Pilsen, Mobile Van, RU Caring, CCIL,



The American Medical Association – Medical Student Section reemerged at Rush with the Class of 2008, advocating for better patient care through education and promoting health care justice.



The AMA

Orientation Picnic - 2005



Obesity Fair

RU Caring

This interdisciplinary community service committee under the capable leadership of Eric Gantwerker (left) and guided by the vision of Sharon Gates (right) provided numerous outlets for RMC students to partner with others across Rush University to answer the question that is its name: R U Caring?



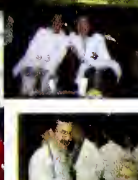
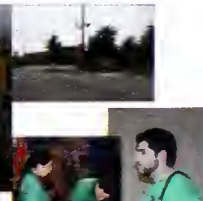
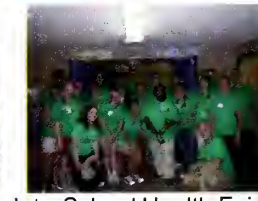
Webster Health Fair



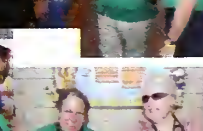
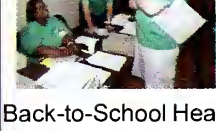
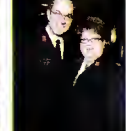
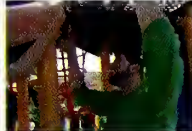
A Day in the Life of Rush



The United Center Health Fairs



Back-to-School Health Fair @ Fosco Park 2007



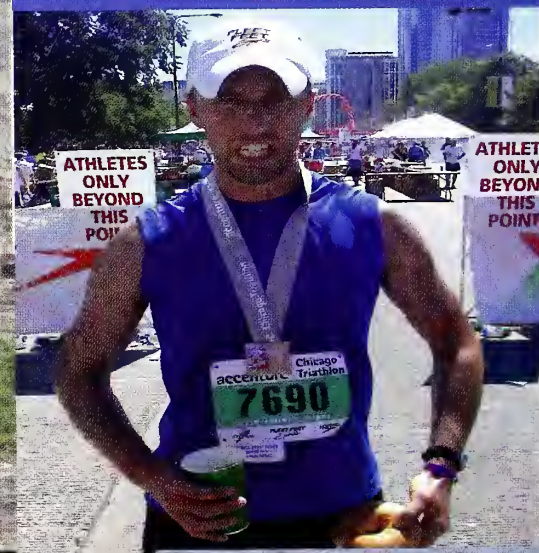
Back-to-School Health Fair @ Piotrowski Park 2005



King Elementary Park Build

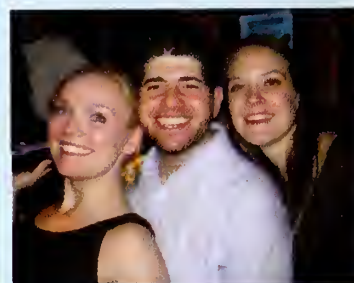
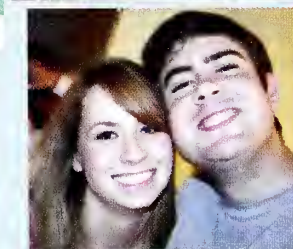


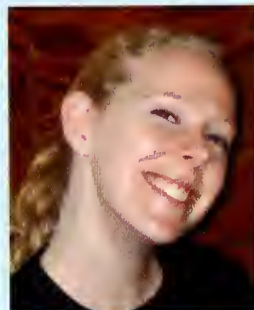
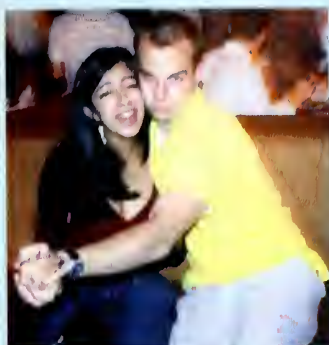
SPORTS

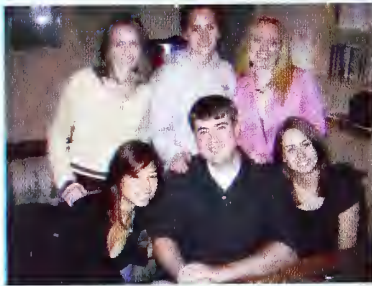
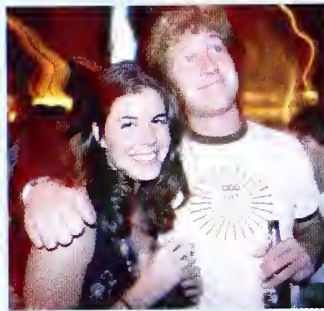


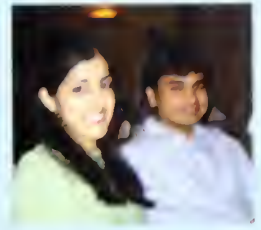


All work and no play..

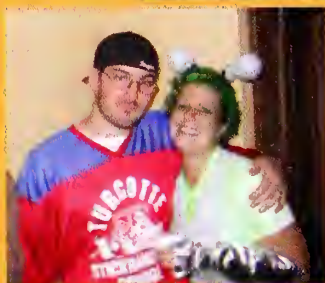
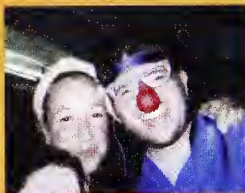
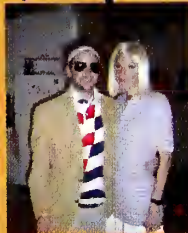








Halloween Fun



The Art and Science of Doctoring

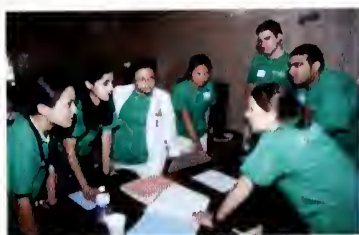
has been taught to us in many different forms over these four years at Rush. This page is a tribute to some of the countless ways that we have been taught about how to be compassionate physicians.



On Peds and Ob-Gyne Together!



From our patients, big and small.



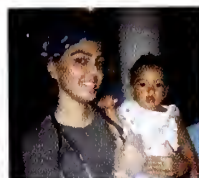
From each other



On Seemingly Endless Medicine Rounds



At our preceptors offices those first two years



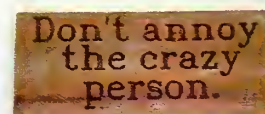
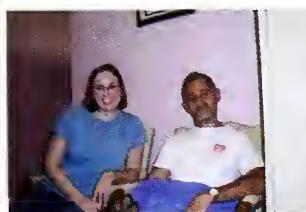
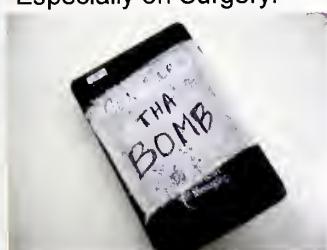
Just by being at County!



Especially on Surgery:

On international trips!

In volunteering at the free clinics



Over long nights on 12/13K or Endless days in Psych at County



At the sessions house...

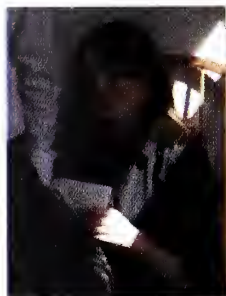
Match Day



Oh the anticipation!!!!...



At least there's a cute baby around..



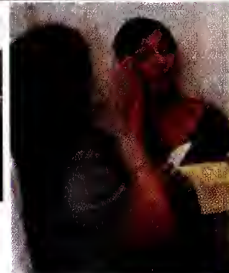
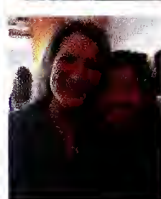
Our future dermatologist!



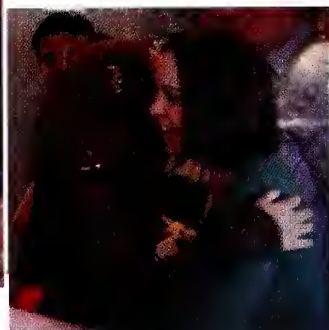
Open Your Envelopes!



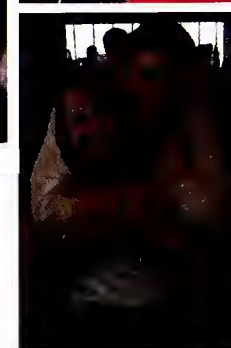
Off to the ER, Boys!



Hey, where'd you match?



It's Party Time!!!

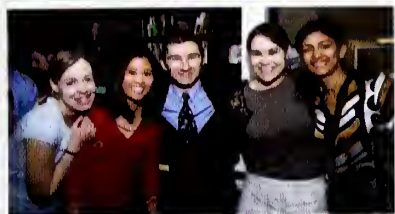
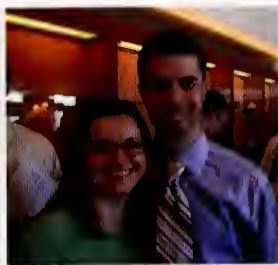


Lots of Love



New York Here We Come!!!

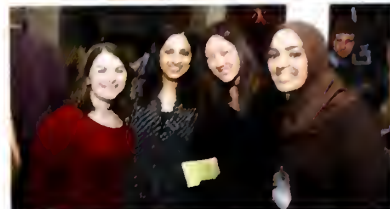
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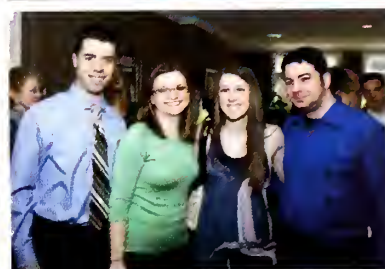
First Choice!



YIPPEE!!!



**Hey Ma, guess
where I matched!**

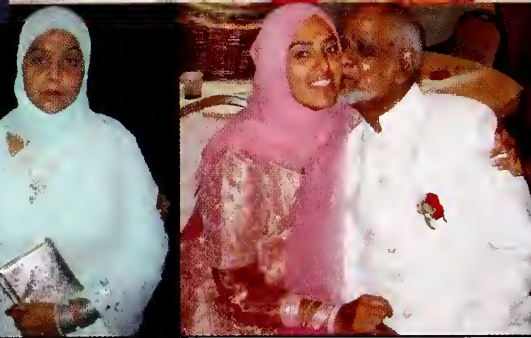


Family Med here we come!





Mom & Dad- I couldn't have done this without your
endless love, duas, & support.
To my beautiful family- I'm so grateful to have you in
my life. Thank you for always being there.
NASREEN FATIMA AHMED



Saud Ahmed's 4 years at RUSH...

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THE THREE STOOGES

MOE

LARRY

CURLEY

All praises to God because without his help, I wouldn't have gotten this far.

Thank you Mom, Dad and my sister Sadiya for your love and support! And to my cousins and friends!!

As you can see, all work and no play... ☺

To my Parents, Eunice, Cornerstone Mission Church, my new parents, Sam, and my lovely wife, thank you for all the laughter, memories, prayers, and encouragement.

In my weakest moments throughout the past 4 years His grace was sufficient for me. Thus I will boast all the more in my weaknesses for His strength is made perfect in such times

Jonathan Ahn



Kulsum Akbar



To my family: who define who I am and where I am going, who are too large, loving, constant, crazy & supportive to fit on one page and whose lessons, and laughs, are endless.

Kopanakion, Greece



To the Badgers: who know how to be both friend and family, kid and adult, relaxed and driven, funny and serious, and when called upon to do so, will both rock out and "sieve."

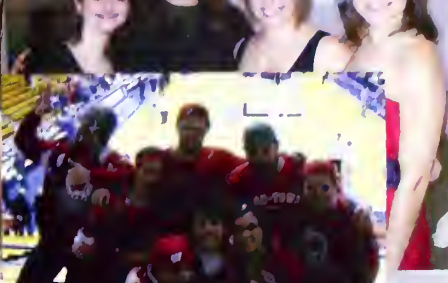
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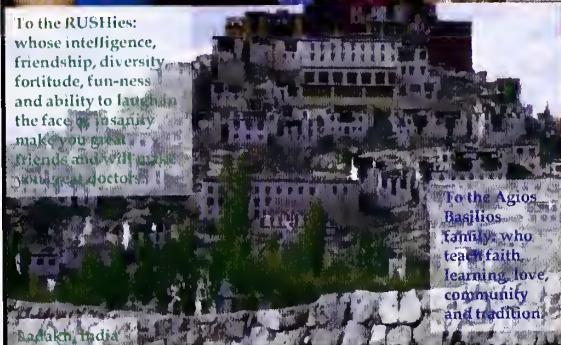
To the Lancers: who are the definition of "friend with a side of..."



To Grandpa: we love & miss you.



To the RUSHies: whose intelligence, friendship, diversity, fortitude, fun-ness and ability to laugh in the face of insanity make you great friends and will make you great doctors!



Raipur, India

To the Agios Basilios Family: who teach faith, learning, love, community and tradition!



Chicago, IL

Thank You!

Marina Arvanitis

Tania Aung



Good luck, Class of 2008!

Thank you to my family and friends for all your love and support.



It's that time again ...



Anita Bednarz



A sampling of



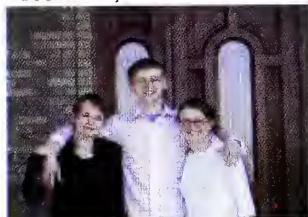
Thank you Mom, Dad, Izzy, and Zibi for your support and patience ... so much patience. Sorry about the "occasional" attitude!



Bob, you're the most patient of all. Falling in love with you has been the highlight of medical school. I love you!



Look mom, we love each other!



Japan was fun!

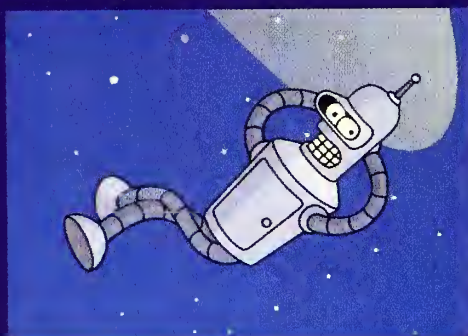


The friends I've met here are among the best ... I hope we'll still find time for each other after we have gone our separate ways. Colleen, your wedding was awesome ... apparently, you were too busy to be in this picture.



In Loving Memory Of Babcia ...

I miss you!



Here's hoping I can be as successful as the Benders that have come before me!

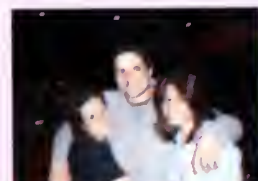
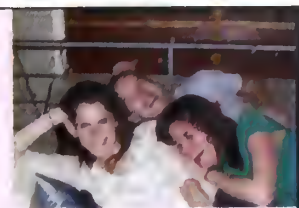


Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2008 wherever your careers may lead you!

--Chris Bender

Lia

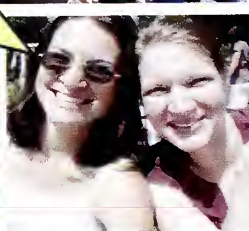
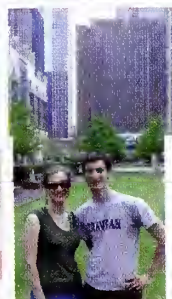
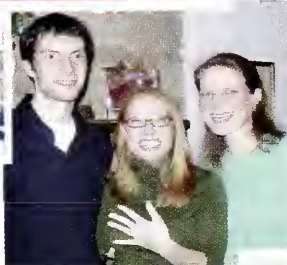
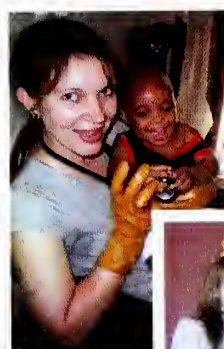
Bernardi



Live neither in the past nor in the future, but let each day's work absorb your entire energies, and satisfy your widest ambition.
-Sir William Osler



Thanks to my amazing family & ridiculous friends- your support & laughter got me through the last 4 years!





Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.

Foster C. McClellan



**Breanne
Briskey**

briskey13@yahoo.com



Thank you for 4 great years Class of 2008. What a privilege to have studied with such a vibrant, smart, and kind-hearted group of people. Best of luck to you as you start the next leg of your journey...

~Sylvie Chau



Ha Long Bay Vietnam—come visit me here in 20 years!

Micah 6:8 And what does the LORD require of you? To act *justly* and to love *mercy* and to walk *humbly* with your God.

Contact me at sylvie.chau@gmail.com



Andrea Chen

Thank you, everyone! These past four years would never have been the same without you all.

Good luck with everything, and please keep in touch! andrea.lee.chen@gmail.com

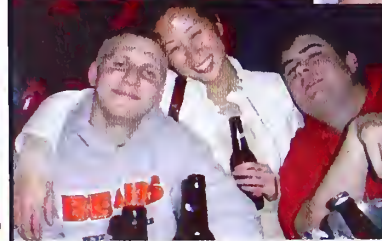
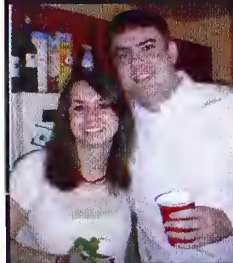
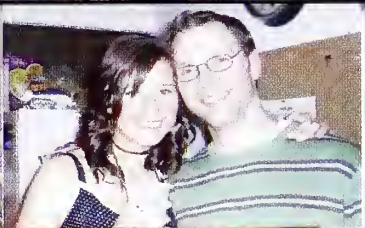


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Cheers to a great four years!
- Colleen Correll



Natasha Cunningham

Sara Englum



Sylvie, Sara, and Judy the night we finished Step II



Enjoying Chicago with my sister Laurel.



Pediatrics is awesome.

I would like to thank each and every one of my classmates. It has truly been an honor sharing this journey through medical school with you. Best wishes to everyone in their future endeavors!



Go Illini!

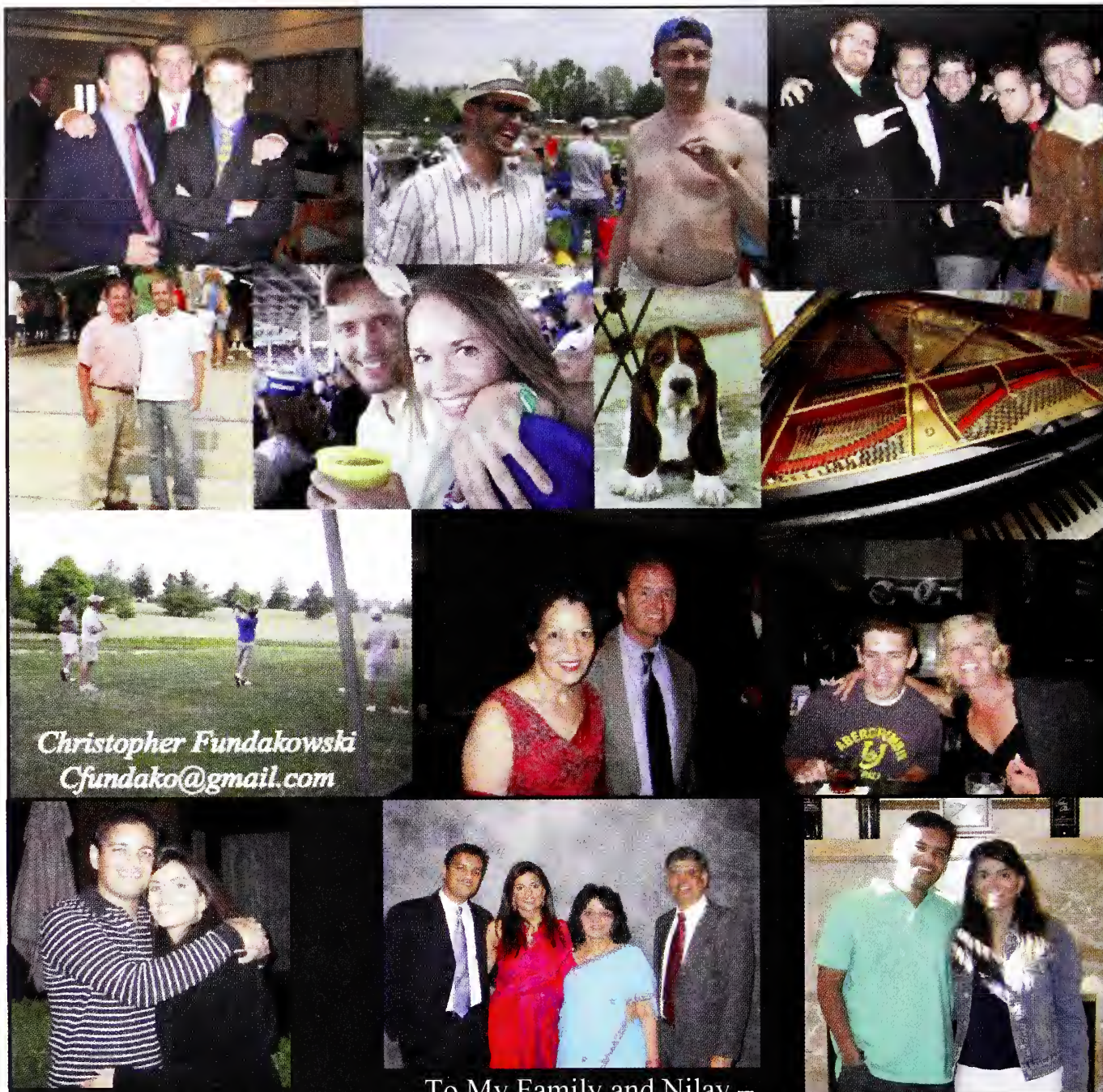


To my dear family and friends,

Who call me Bernie, Din, or Ate, have gone through medical school with me, taught me something new, made me smile and laugh, challenged me to see the world and myself in different ways, allowed me to witness your special events, danced with me, inspired me and changed me "for good," stuck with me through the hard times, and experienced with me some of the happiest moments of my life....

Thank you.

Bernadine M. N.
Espiritu



To My Family and Nilay –
 I could not have become a doctor without your constant encouragement and love.
 Thank you for all that you do! I love you.

Ankita Gandhi



Four years
of...

Following in proud
footsteps...

Witnessing awe-inspiring lands...

Old friends...

New
friends...

Volunteering...

Encounters

Loving family

Family lost...

...and many
more Friends
missed...

"It is not enough to understand, or to see
clearly. The future will be shaped in the
arena of human activity, by those willing to
commit their minds and their bodies to the
task." —Robert Kennedy

Eric Gantwerker

Jonathan Giannone

Congrats to the Rush Medical College Class of 2008!

Thanks to my wife, Michelle, and to my family and friends for all of their support
and encouragement over the years.

Here's to the Doctors of Tomorrow!



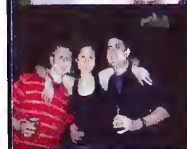
*Thank you to all for the good times and your
love and support*

~ Jordana Goldman



H.R.

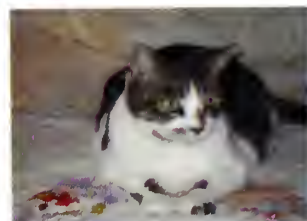
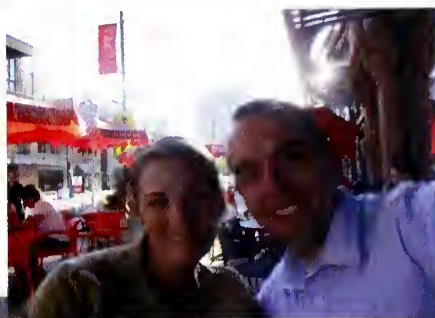
Govekar



Jessica Grempe

What got me through Med School...

- Caf Coffee breaks 1st & 2nd years
- Baby-catching & mountain climbing in Ecuador
- Post finals shopping sprees (when we weren't too tired to find the mall...)
- Weekend getaways in Ohio
- Venting w/ the Linger :)
- Successfully evading Oak Park Library's "no food" policy for 4 yrs
- A certain neuropsych resident coming to Rush my 4th year
- My cat (despite the scars)
- Thurs & Sun night TV=study reprieve
- Knowing that one day it would END!



Best of Luck
to Rush's
Class of '08!



Congratulations to everyone!

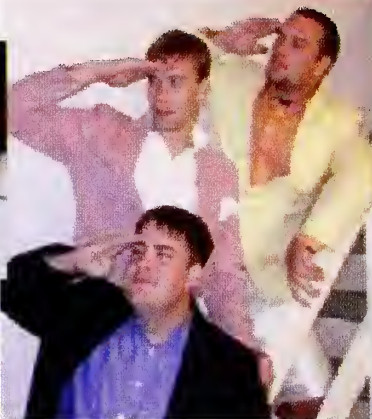
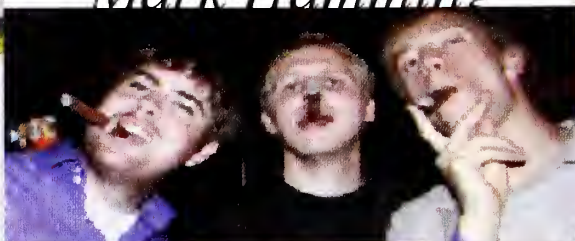
**Thank you for good times
in the last four years!**



Preeti Gurnani



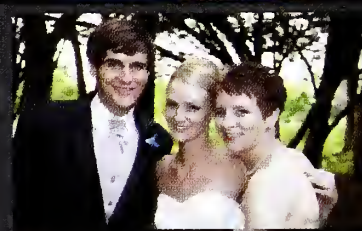
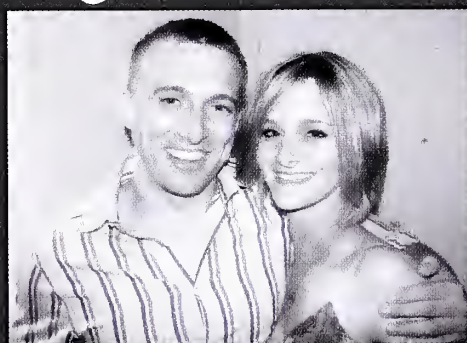
Mark Hamming



Thanks for four
fun years



Amy L. Hanson

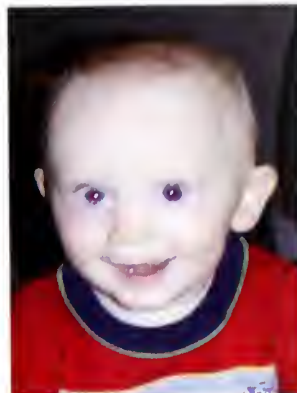
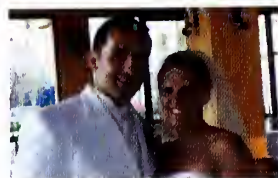
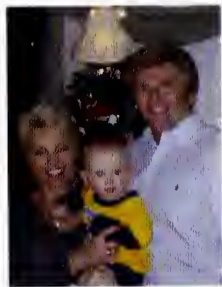


New knowledge is the
most valuable commodity
on earth. The more truth
we have to work with, the
richer we become.

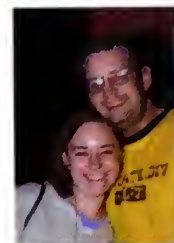
~ Kurt Vonnegut



Special Thanks To My Family



Love,
Heather
Harasty



Tribute to Chi-Town



The Truth | I have like no pictures, and since I have lived here in Chicago for the past 10 years and have loved nearly every minute of it I thought this was the best alternative.

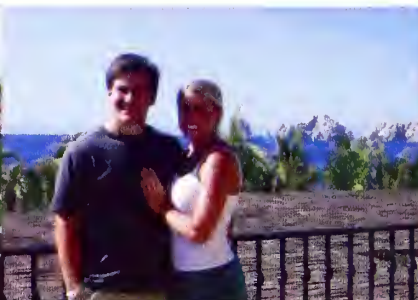
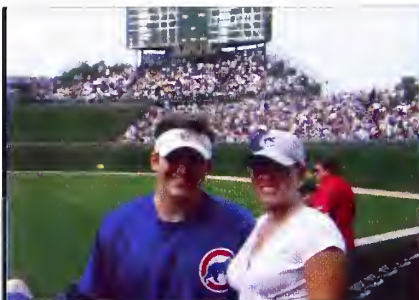
To my family, friends, colleagues, and teachers

Thank you all for supporting me, accepting my neuroses, and encouraging me to laugh no matter how many bumps I stumble on.

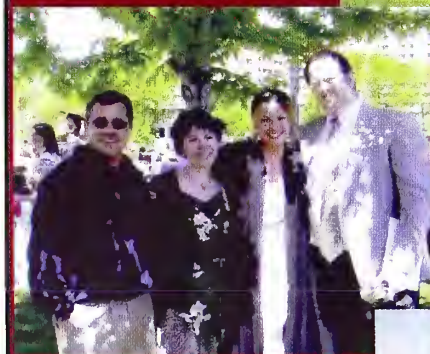
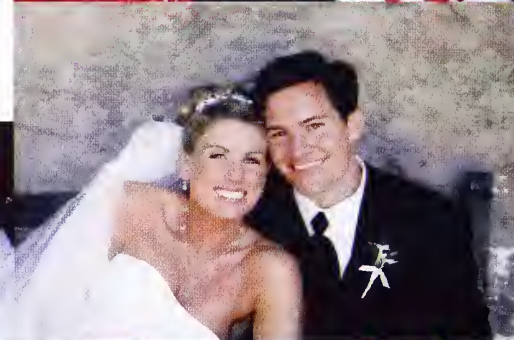
Lastly just a quote to my fellow graduates,

-A doctor who cannot take a good history and a patient who cannot give one are in danger of giving and receiving bad treatment. Author unknown.

Good Luck Everyone,
Heather Harrison



Thank You Everyone
Mike Hehman



Thank you to everyone who supported me
throughout the last 4 years

AND THE M.D. GOES TO...MEILING HUA!

[cheering and applause as Meiling steps to the stage] "Oh wow, thank you so much! I never thought this day would come. I'm so not prepared - I didn't even written a speech! Um, ok, I have to thank everyone that made this day possible for me. To my parents...I love you! Thank you for your constant support and encouragement - even when my surgery rotation transformed me from a mild mannered med student into a rageaholic. To the nondescript white guys (you know who you are!) - what would I have done without the daily bear hugs, the trips to White Palace Grill, third wheel movie dates, graham's in the kitchen, and The O.C.? Med school would have been zero fun without you! *[orchestra begins to play theme to The O.C.]* Wait! No! Don't start the music, I'm almost finished. I can't forget my BFF Jessica, who's been with me through every crisis - real or imagined. I also have to thank Steph, who's the only person I can call with a question at 7 a.m. and not wake up. Ladies, Miami is gonna ROCK! And last but not least, thank you Google - without Google, no presentation, H&P, or pimp-tastic rounds would have been possible. You all are always in my heart. Good night and God Bless!"



1 Littman Stethoscope in Plum
\$153.24



BEVERAGES

926 Cups of Coffee
\$1342.70



1 Pair of Dansko Clogs
\$123.12

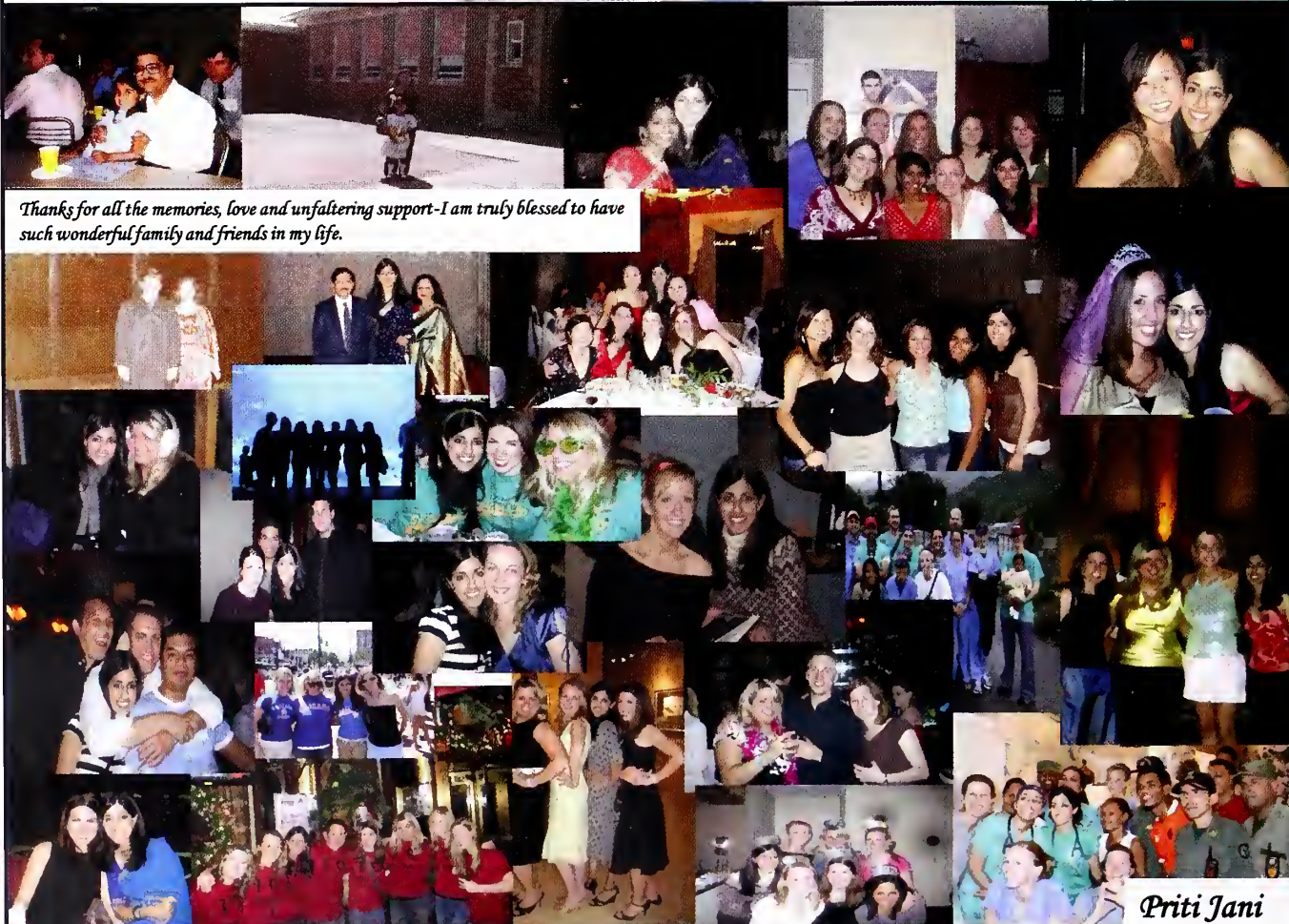
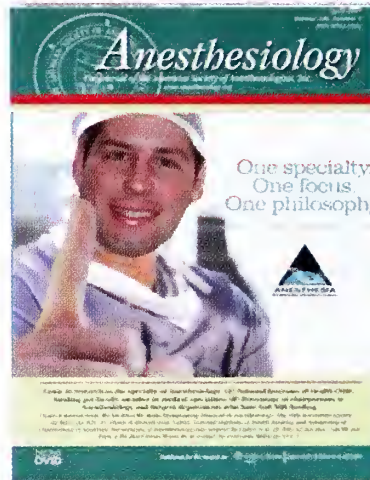
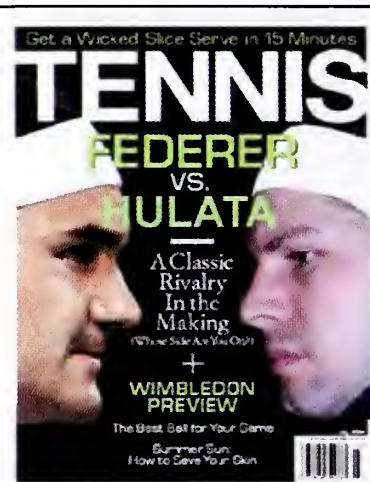


Getting to throw away your short white coat...
PRICELESS.

Thank You!

1. Nurses who were kind
2. Doctors for teaching
3. Patient patients
4. My supportive family
5. My friends who listened to me whine

The list goes on...
Wendy Huang
Ophthalmology



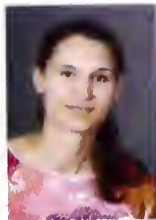
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Priti Jani

Martina Charlotte Jonsson

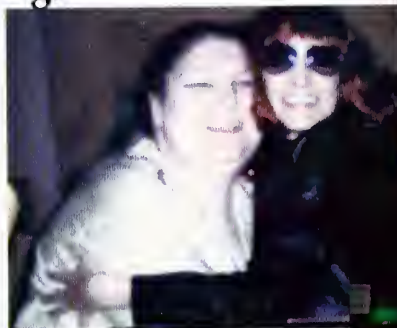


Happily ignorant incoming 1st year.

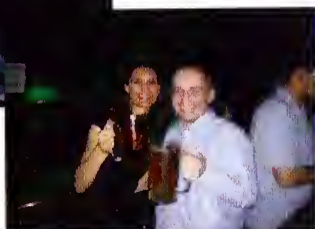


Jaded and aged beginning 3rd year.

But, there were good times and great friends too....



Dr. Dr. Brass,
Thank you for all your support and wonderful friendship. I love you!



4th Year Rocks!!!
(for so many reasons)



Dr. Jonsson Cures Cancer!!!

Assisting Dr. Musacchio in removing a cerebellar tumor.

Last surgery fling before permanently giving up the cutting for the medicating & talking therapies...



Thank you Mumma, Daddy,
Mushy,
and my friends for all
your support!
Love you!



MEGHA KAUSHAL



Chemistry



BS 2002

MS 2003

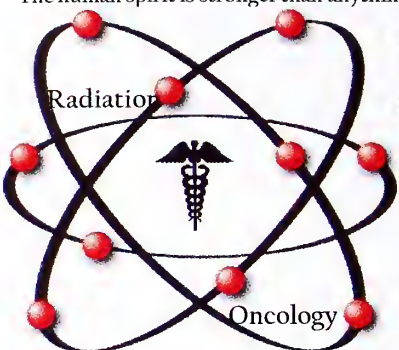


Northern Illinois University



"It was nice growing up with someone like you- someone to lean on, someone to count on...someone to tell on" -Johanna

"The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it" -Scott



"Where there is love, there is life" -Chandi

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"Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family" -Brandt



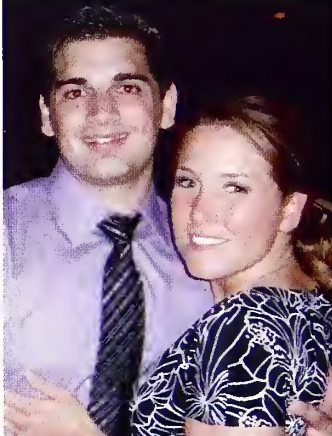
Lanea Marie Marcelle Keller

Thank you for all of your love and support!



Radio immunotherapy

"Where there is love, there is life" -Chandi



"The real magic of discovery lies not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes" -

Probst



The Cloisters



RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Thanks for everything!! I couldn't have maintained my sanity without you!

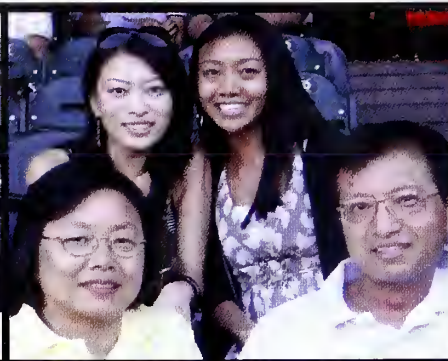
Devon Nicole Kendrick



There can never be too many Dr. Kim's... :)
Congrats Class of 2008~!

*Thank you family and friends
for all your love and support!*





Ah, so many good memories throughout med school. I couldn't have done it without your love and support. Thank you!
Love Always, Ok-kyung Kim



Leukas Hogenes

Thanks be to God, my family, friends, mentors, teachers and classmates for enriching my life and helping me to achieve my dreams. I am truly indebted to you and grateful for all that you have done for me.

Barbara & Leukas Hogenes





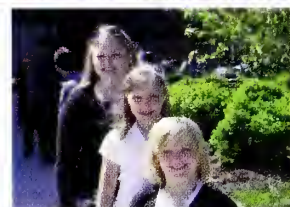
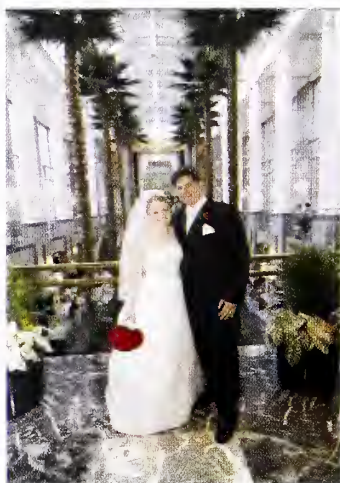
THANKS TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. I COULD NOT HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU! LOVE, ADAM

BECKY KRISS

Thanks to all of my friends & family who supported me throughout medical school. I could not have done it without you.
Rush friends - thank you for four of the best years of my life!
Best of luck to everyone!

I especially want to thank my family - Toby, Mitch & Erica Kriss.



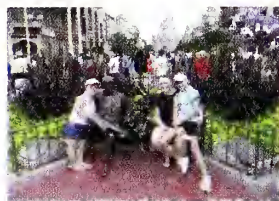


Kristen Barry Labovsky

"It's something unpredictable,
But in the end there's right.

I hope you had the time of your life."

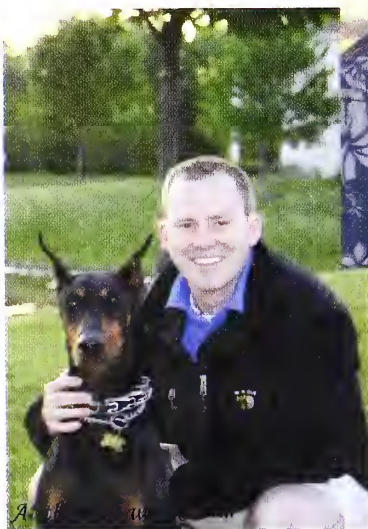
Thank you to everyone for helping me to have
the time of my life!



*Christmas in Seattle
The Lindquists*



Hawaii honeymoon with Kristen



TIM LINDQUIST

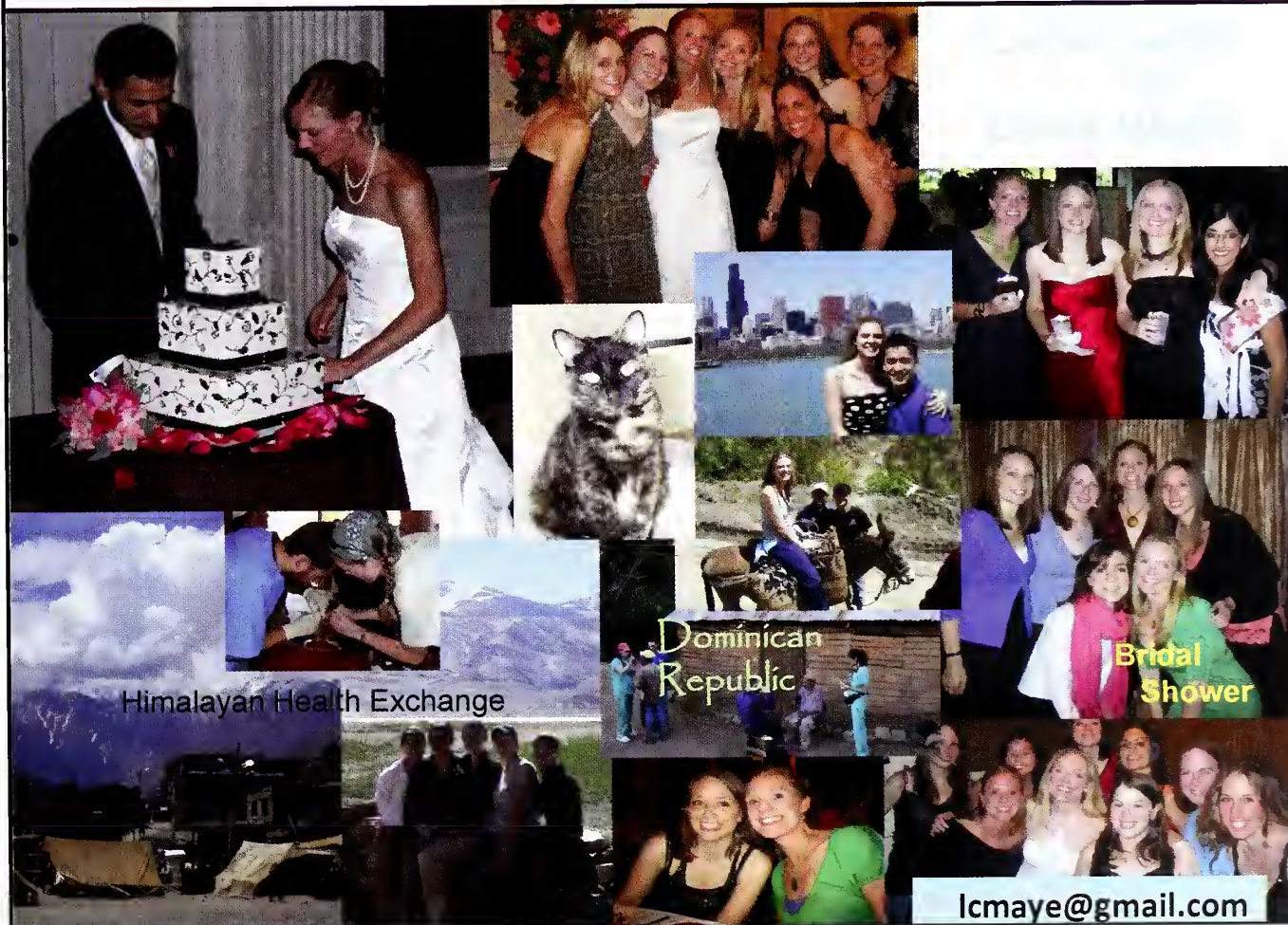


Texas football, The Hartleys

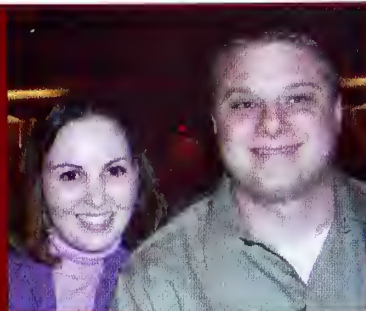


*Thanks to all my family and friends that were with me
through the good and the bad times.
I can not thank you guys enough!*

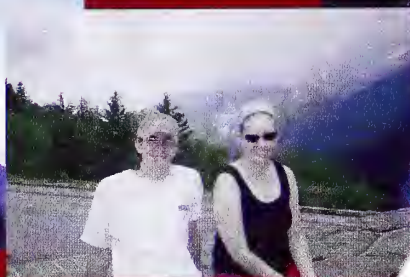
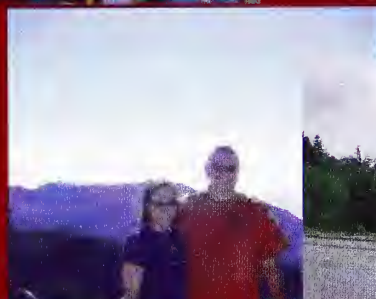
Jacob Mandel



Bethany McClenathan



Our greatest glory is
not in never falling,
but in getting up
every time we do.
—Confucius

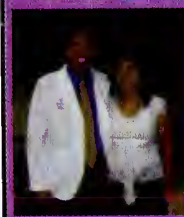


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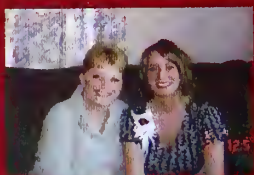
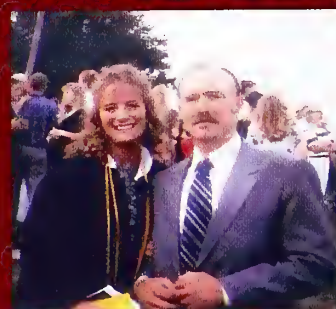
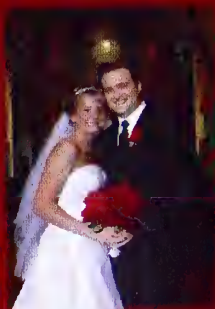


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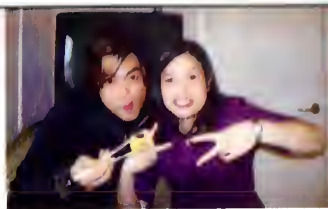
To My Parents:
 Thank you for your love throughout the years.
 How else could I become what I've become?
 All your plans and hopes and even fears.
 Now come together in what I have become.
 Know that I am grateful for your love.
 Your hard work is mirrored now in mine.
 On you all my accomplishments must shine.
 Underneath my pride, your spirits move.

Nicholas Gordon



Florence Myint

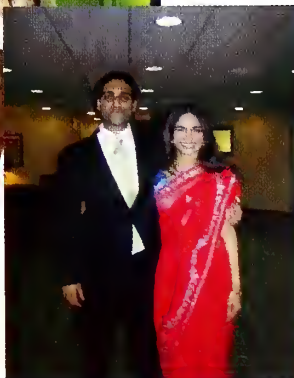
Thank you to my family and friends who helped me get here and made sure I had fun doing it.



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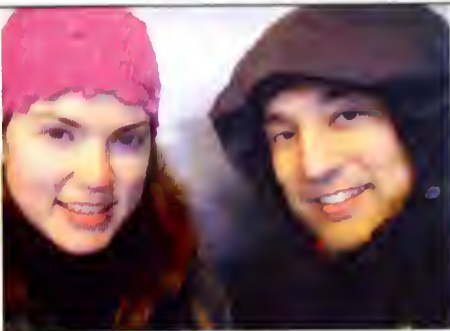
Jaci Novales

Thanks to my family and friends! I love you all!



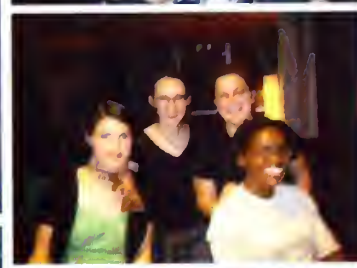


ROBERT BESTOSO (A.K.A. GRANDPA BOB) DURING HIS INTERN YEAR AT ST. FRANCIS IN EVANSTON FOLLOWING HIS GRADUATION FROM RUSH IN 1940.

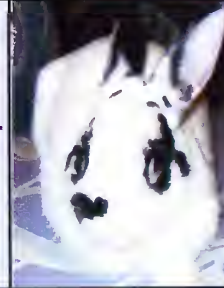


HOW I STAYED (MOSTLY) SANE IN MED SCHOOL . . .

JOANNA O'LEARY



Many thanks to my family and friends for their support and encouragement over the past four years!!
~Jane Park~



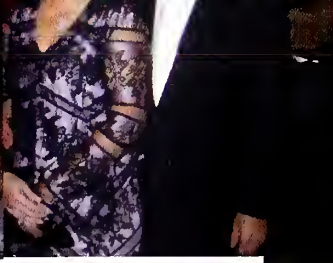
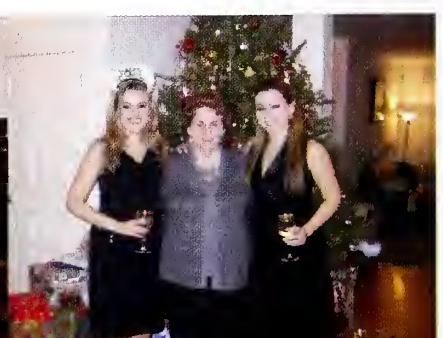
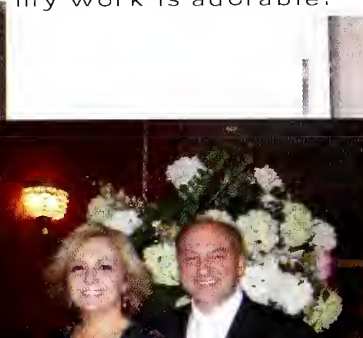
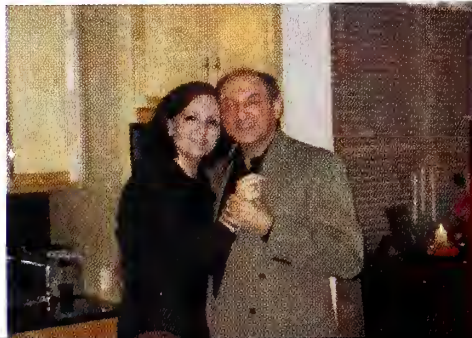


Noah Philleo Parker ...to family and friends...



A special thanks to Drs. Walner, Jones, and Severin for their guidance over that past few years!

Mommy and Daddy — everything I have achieved and become in life is because of your love, support, and help; I thank you always! Elina, my best friend forever, I love you! Corey, love of my life, your enthusiasm in my work is adorable!



Oiga Pasternak

Mita Patel

-To Family and Friends...THANK YOU



Laura Pignotti



To all those that have made me smile throughout the years:
Thank you and I love you!





Jenna



*Corrinne
Petschke*



*Joshua
Podjasek*

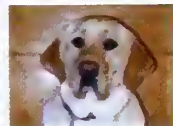
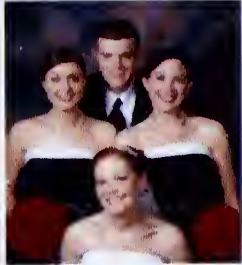
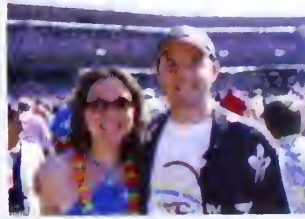
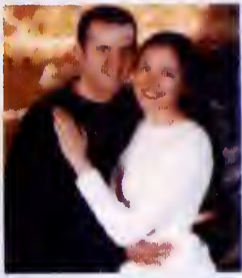


*It's easy to grin
When your ship comes in
And you've got the stock market beat.
But the man worthwhile,
Is the man who can smile,
When his pants are too tight in the
seat.*

~ Judge Smail's



Theresa Hoeger Ronan



BRIAN ROSETT



TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO STUCK WITH ME THOUGH IT ALL

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- PATIENT & VISITOR SERVICES
- HEALTH INFORMATION
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'The experiences I have gained during these past four years will last a lifetime. I would like to thank everyone that helped make that possible.'
Vipul Saparia, MD
Rush Medical College
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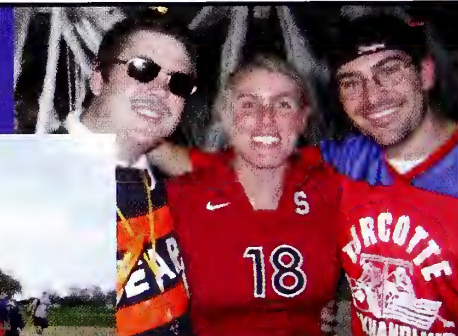
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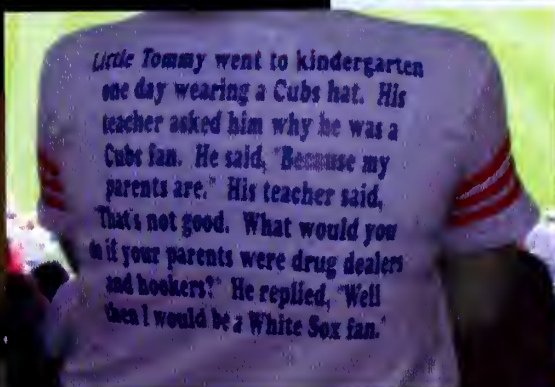


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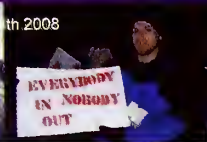


To my family, friends, and the patients that have let me play doctor for the last four years and the thousands that will continue to do so as I "Practice" Medicine I can never say thank you enough.



"I did not come here to help the bum on the street—the alcoholic or drug addict who comes to the ER 40 times a year just to get a place to sleep. I didn't come here for 'the homeless' because I've worked for 18 years in emergency medicine—I know what 'the homeless' really are. I'm not a liberal. Die-hard liberals talk about 'the homeless.' If they actually saw what they're defending I don't think they'd be so die-hard. Most of the homeless really don't care about themselves or are psychiatrically impaired. You can give them any opportunity in the world, and they would not take advantage of it. They could do things for themselves, but they won't. So who the hell cares about them?"

Robert Simon, August 4 1995 Chicago Reader. Currently in charge of the JHS Cook County Hospital Budget Cuts



*This week, mend a quarrel.
 Seek out a forgotten friend.
 Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.
 Write a love letter. Share some treasure.
 Give a mild answer. Encourage young people.
 Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
 Keep a promise. Find the time.
 Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.
 Listen!
 Apologize if you were wrong.
 Try to understand. Root out envy.
 Examine your demands on others.
 Think first of someone else.
 Appreciate*

*Be kind, Be gentle.
 Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
 Deserve confidence.
 Take arms against malice.
 Decry complacency.
 Express your gratitude.
 Go to church/synagogue/mosque/temple!
 Welcome a stranger.
 Gladden the heart of a child.
 Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
 Speak your love.
 Speak it again.
 Speak it yet again.*

Given 16 Oct 1998 at the end of Kairos as
 admonitions on how to live life.



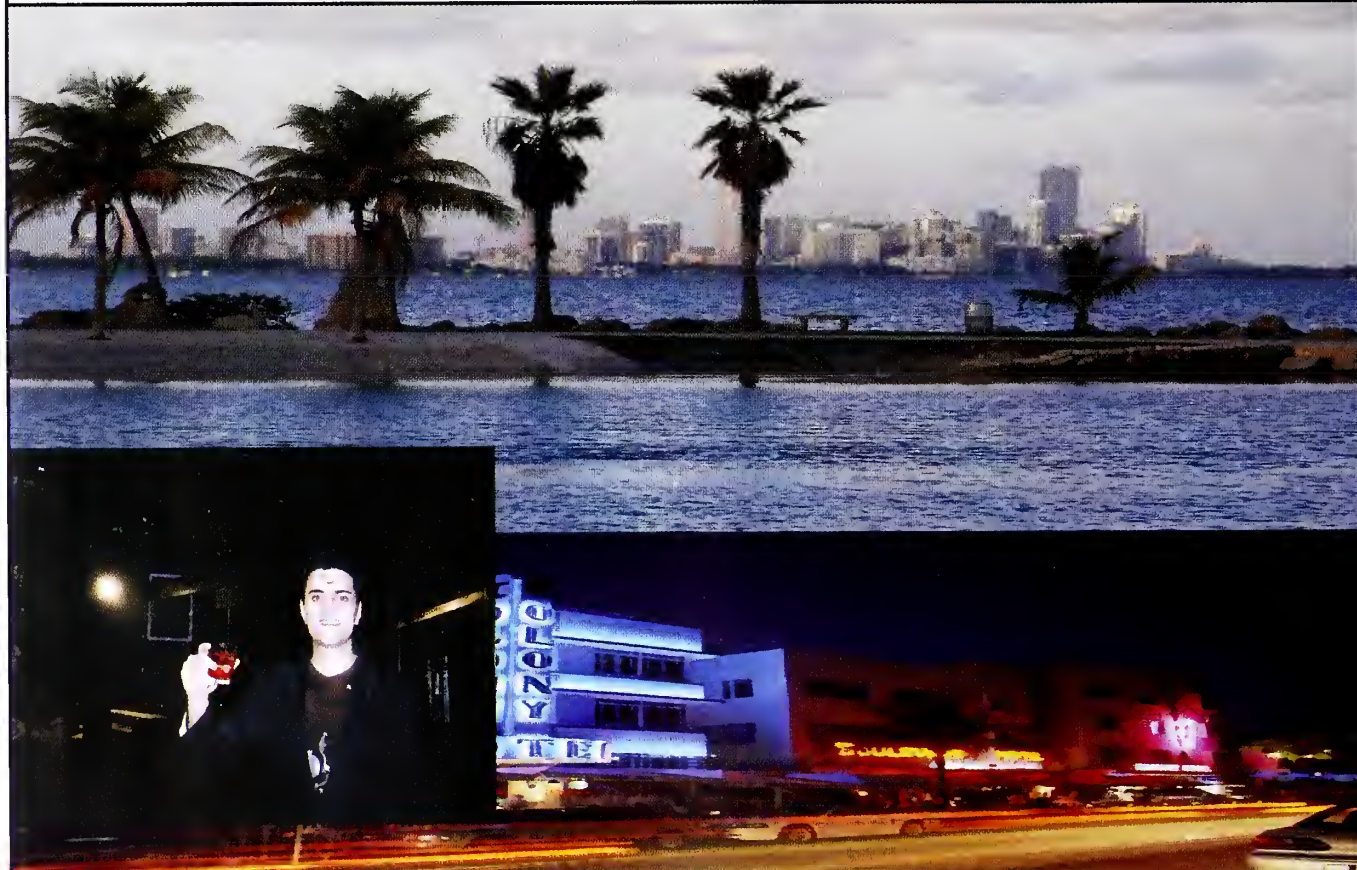
Thank You:

God,
 My parents, family, friends,
 My classmates, teachers, patients,
 And countless others who have touched my
 life. I am a better person for knowing all of you,
 and I pray you can say the same of me.

May you know peace and blessings, now and always.



Robert Sedlacek



Miami Nights

George Selas



Falak Shah

Thanks for the memories...

NDY SHEEAN



To my family,
Thank you for all your love
and support. I could not have
made it without you!





After only five years at Rush, I was finally able to build a better snowman...

Good luck everyone!

-Scott Simmons
Family Medicine,
Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida



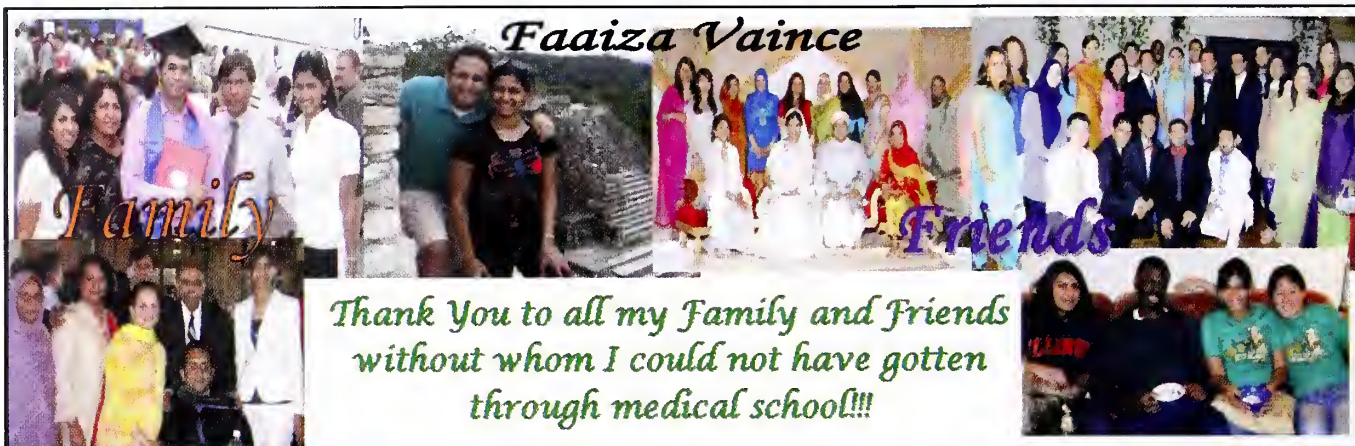


Thanks to friends
and family for making
this such a special 4yrs
Dave Stasior

Good Luck 2008!

-John Thurlow



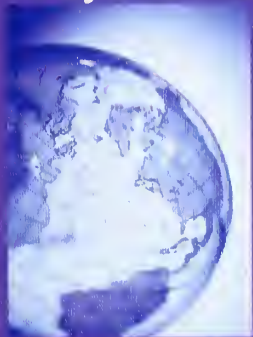


It was the time spent outside of school that account for my favorite memories over the past four years...



"Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? - every, every minute?"

No. The saints and poets, maybe - they do some."



Thanks to my family and friends.

I love you all.





"Friendship isn't a big thing; its a bunch of little things."

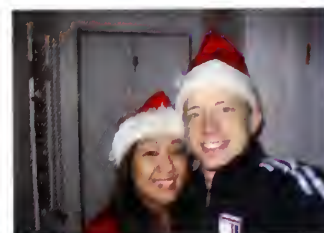
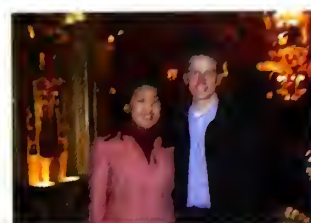
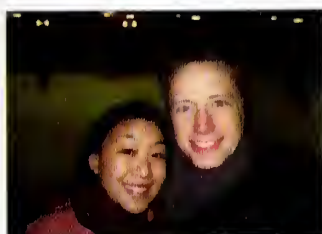
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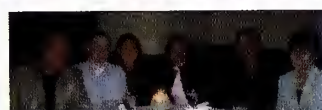
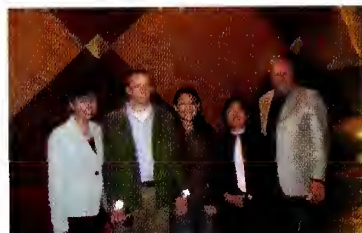
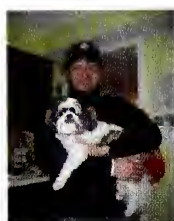
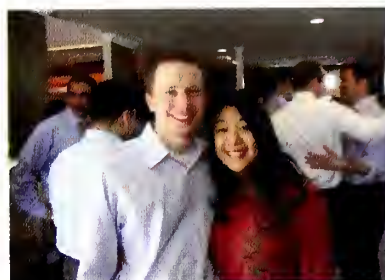
Samantha Wong '08



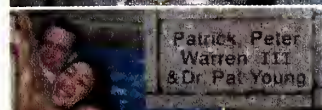
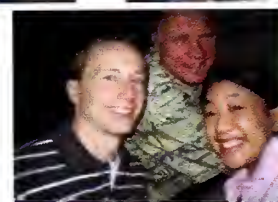
Alisa Pantanakasame Young & Patrick Everett Young



Medical school isn't so bad when you have someone so wonderful going through it with you...



With the most loving families and supportive friends, it becomes one of the most memorable times of your life... Thank you to all that have been there for us and made us who we are today....





Jaci Anne Novales

You first said it when you were five: "I want to be a doctor so I can help people." Then at seven you pretended. Now you're about to make your dream come true. So much hard work, long hours, and dedication! We couldn't be more happy for or proud of you, Honey!

Congratulations!

We Love You

Dad and Mom

It is both amazing and inspiring to be with someone who continuously accomplishes great things, and I could not be more proud to watch my wife live out her dreams!

Congratulations and I love you!

Jon



I have always looked up to you, and I couldn't have asked for a better role model. I'm so proud of my big sister! I know you're going to make a fine doctor. Congrats on your achievements!

Love, Jami



Beth,

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished.

We have always had high hopes for you and believed you would be able to achieve your goals. As your parents, we think you are wonderful, caring, funny, and a loving daughter.

Congratulations on your graduation and the start of a wonderful journey.

Love, Mom and Dad

Dear Noah,

We have watched you grow to adulthood with such pride and admiration. You have passed through your academic achievements, as well as leadership in athletics, managing the obstacles and occasional disappointment. You did this all with a maturity and integrity that has brought honor and pride to your family, quietly reflecting the kind of young man you have chosen to become. Your drive towards excellence and competence now results in your acquiring a medical degree, and the future you so desired serving humanity and the sciences. Knowing you wanted a career with a lifelong learning process and opportunity to use your personal skills and compassion has now become a reality. Now you move forward into your future with an acceptance into an ENT Residency program. The rigor of your education continues now, fine-tuning your physical as well as medical skills in a subspecialty that will lead to your profession. We have no doubt in your achieving a level of competence that will see you established professionally out in the community and contributing to society. As you move forward in 2008, your medical school years will come to an end. We hope your fit with a Residency program will be everything you have yearned for as you searched out schools with so many interviews. You have always had ease and adaptability with change in your life, so we all know you'll move forward with the same zeal and thrill you have shown when opportunity presents a new adventure. With your wedding also coming up in May, you will begin the last phase of your education with your new wife and soul mate, Erika, by your side. What a wonderful year for the both of you! Always remember that your brother, Adam, your Father, and I stand with you throughout all your choices in life with unconditional love and respect for you. Congratulations! Mom, Pop, and Adam



Adam:

Our hearts are filled with pride and joy for the person you are, always have been, and the doctor you have become.

We love you forever and always.

Mom, Dad, & David

June 14th, 2008

Congratulations Dr. Natasha



We are so proud of you, honey and we love you more than anything in the world!

.....now can you get Dr.House's autograph?

hugs and kisses,
mom and kane

CONGRATULATIONS ANDY!!!!



**IT SEEMS LIKE JUST
YESTERDAY.....**



**AND YET, YOU'VE COME
SO FAR.**

**WE LOVE YOU!
DAD, MOM,
and TOMMY**



**Our little boy has become a
Doctor!
Congratulations! We Love You!
Mom, Dad & Ryan**



**Congratulations Meiling!!!!
You did it. We could not possibly be
more proud of you.
Follow your heart and keep reaching
for your dreams.**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, and Dwayne**



*Once upon a time,
a beautiful little girl was
born.*



*And she showed early
signs of loving babies.*

*Congratulations, we are all so
proud!*

*Love, Mom & Dad
Whitney, Ayla & Amie*



*And one day she skated
off to her destiny!*



Never stop dreaming!

We love you, believe in you, cheer for
you and are so proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Blase, Gretchen, Ash, Melinda,
Tricia and Nick





Dearest Amy,

How fortunate and how proud we are to be able to share this day with you. We wish we could claim to have been the driving force behind your success, but we would be flattering ourselves. The truth is, the seeds of your success were present within you on the day you were born. The joy, enthusiasm, determination, intelligence, compassion, empathy, quest for excellence and sense and wonder that you bring to life have always been there within you. If you use but a fraction of those qualities to benefit the lives of your future patients, we know that they will love you as we do, and that you will change their lives for the better, as you have changed ours.

Love, Mom & Dad

Would you let this person
put you to sleep?



We would!

Congratulations Dr. Kristen!

We love you and are very
proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Courtney, Carly, Papa
and Isaac

Dear Becky - We are so very proud of you
today and always. We hope that your
residency and life ahead provide all the
satisfaction and challenges you desire.

We wish you much happiness and
fulfillment and want you to know that
we'll always be here for you.

With much love,
Mom & Dad





Lia-

We were given a great gift the day you were born. You've always been kind, compassionate, loving, and determined to be the best. Now the time has come for you to give your gift to others with all of the kindness, compassion, and determination you have within. God bless you.

We are proud! Love, Mom, Dad, and Andrew



Congratulations from your proud family!
Watching you achieve, explore and grow has been our pleasures and joys.

As always your adventures are our adventures.
You truly have redefined "Be all that you can be."

Best Wishes to Dr. Adam Henry Isadore!

Dear Breanne, from your first day of pre-school to your Medical School graduation, you have always reached for the stars.....

Congratulations on your wonderful achievement!

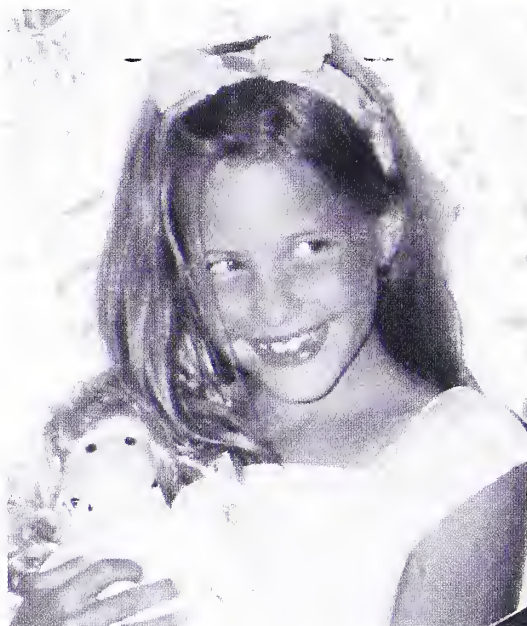
Love Mom, Dad, and Alexandra



Loukas,
We are proud of you.
Congratulations and
Best Wishes!
With Much Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations on becoming a doctor! I know it was a lot of hard work and I admire you greatly! Good luck in Seattle, I will miss you so much.
Love, Giancarlo



Congratulations on your achievement! I am so proud to have you as my sister. I know you will continue to do wonderful things as you take on your profession as a neurosurgeon. I will miss you tremendously when you move to Seattle, but I am happy you followed your heart and chose this path. I wish you all the luck and success in the world! You deserve it.

Love, Nicole

Dear Michelle,

Congrats Michelle on fulfilling your dream and becoming a physician! We are so proud of you! We have watched you grow from a little girl, to a poised, confident woman. We feel immense parental pride that others can only envy on your graduation day. Your accomplishments are remarkable, including your first choice match at the University of Washington, Seattle. We know that your career at the University of Washington will benefit from the same commitment and effort that you devoted to your academic work. With our hearts full of love and pride, we wish you continued success and congratulate you again on this special day! With all our love, Papa and Mom

Dearest Aditi: You have been a high achiever, very focused, had your priority straight from childhood, very hard worker, driven and we are all proud of you. You deserve all that you worked so hard for all your life. With what you have achieved, you can help out lot of people (patients) in need. Be the best caring doctor you can be. When people are sick they really need a doctor who can they can relate to and make them understand what patients go thru. Love, Mom.

Are you going to make us start calling you Dr.?

That's not going to happen. You're still didip no matter what, ok?

Congratulations, Aditi.

Love, KJ

Hey Didi...where does the brain go on vacation? A hippocampus! What did parietal say to frontal? I lobe you. Congratulations didip! We're so proud of you! Khabo.



Hey, Dr. DecDec: So, a guy walks into the doctor's office and asks, "Will a lobotomy take away my peace of mind?" Bahaha!

Congratulations on graduating! Love, Tejas.

I am so happy for you - it really is a gift to know what you want to do and to love your profession. It makes the horrible days better and the exciting days perfect. You won't have any mediocre days and that's the fun of it!

Pratikshya and Passat

Hooray you're a doctor. This is a very noble profession led by great minds like Kevorkian, Kaczynski (Ph.D.), and Bill Frist. Woohoo. I trust you'll outshine them. Congrats DiDiP, you worked hard. Now I guess I'll call you DocDiDiP. -Samyams.

Remember one thing Aditi: If a patient feels the need to start giving you their medical history since after the war (World War II to be precise), feel free to make your pager go off so you can pretend you need to leave the room. Works every time. Congratulations on your graduation ... you have so much to look forward to. Really. Archana and Brian

The last thing I remember is helping you get into Kindergarten early. When the hell did this happen? You've joined the ranks of all the other hyper-educated women in my life. Do I have to call you Doctor? Now you begin your quest to elucidate the underpinnings of consciousness. I wish I could do that. I couldn't be prouder of you.

Love, Apurva and Carmen

You made up your mind to pursue a noble profession and become a doctor much earlier in life and that helped you stay focused. We hope and pray that your career is fulfilling and it fills your life with joy and happiness. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

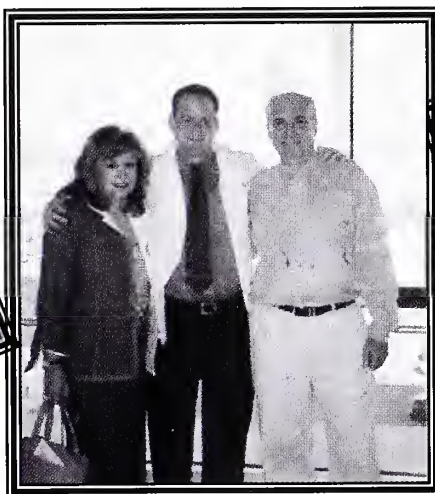
Love, Dad



Congratulations Robin, who would have guessed that in this picture you had just recovered from major surgery and now you are going to be a surgeon! We are very proud of all your accomplishments and hard work.
Love, Mom and Dad

Since your pre-school graduation at the tender age of four, we knew great things were in store for you! We are very proud of you and love you very much...

Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Lisa, Mallery,
Meggan, Guy and Lucas



Adam,
Determination, Perseverance, and Hard Work!!
These traits have served you well. We are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and the rest of the Kramer Family



H.R.,

You set the Goal,
You raised the Bar,
You are living your Dream,

Congratulations DR. HENRY GOVEKAR,

We are proud and excited,
Love Ya,
Dad, Mom & Heidi

*Dear Kulsum,
Congratulations on your trail blazing
achievements-
First as an engineer and now as a doctor! You
are the kind of daughter every parent prays for.
We are proud of you, and are confident that you
will receive many more laurels in future!
Love,
Ma and Papa.*



Kulsum 5 years old



**Congratulations
Florence,
We always knew you
could do it.
We are so incredibly
proud of you.
Our Best Wishes and
love always,
Mom, Dad, and Howard.**



To Our Own Dr. Laura,
Your smile has charmed us since the day you were born and your smarts even more! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and are blessed to have been able to share each of them with you. You continue to amaze us with your intellect and your compassion. Now you are Laura Carolyn Warner, M.D. How sweet it is!
CONGRATULATIONS on your spectacular achievement!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Dearest Joey,
I still remember almost four years ago when you asked "Mom, what if I am not med school material?" You were then very nervous about taking the MCAT and getting accepted to medical school. Since then, you have gone a long way. We know it has not been easy. Medical school is always a long hard journey- all those sleepless nights preparing for those never ending exams, clinical rotations, and interviews for residency.

In the next few months you will be graduating from medical school and will soon be embarking on a new and more challenging journey. Your residency training will be filled with many challenges which at times will be fun and exciting, difficult and boring, long and tedious, frustrating but mostly rewarding.

There will be more sleepless nights, early morning rounds, conferences, on call shifts and lots of tough decision making situations; however, we know you will make it through. Therefore, the answer to your question four years ago is "Yes! You are med school material." Congratulations! We love you and we are so proud of you.

Love, Dad and Mom





Darling Devon,
I stood in awe of you on the day
of your birth and now I stand
in awe of the woman you have
become. I am speechless. I will
not trivialize my feelings by
attempting to express them with
words, for there are no words



that can come close to
expressing what I am feeling at
this moment. Be strong, be wise,
be happy, believe!!!!

I love you.

Mom and Dad



Congratulations!!

Gabriel S. Schaab M.D.

**Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Shannon**



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And
light unto my path."

Psalm 119:105

Congratulations, Tim,
on this tremendous accomplishment.
With our love,
The Lindquist Family

Charlene DeAnne Zimmerman Murdakes

You are a talented young woman, a wonderful daughter, sister & wife. You bring joy to the hearts of all you encounter. A career in medicine fits you like a glass slipper. Your family and friends love you and wish you the best of luck on your next step in your medical career. Congratulations on your graduation from Rush Medical College!!! Class of 2008

Love, Your Family



*Celebrating You,
Theresa Hoeger Ronan
as you receive your Medical Degree*

The world needs you.

*It needs your solid character,
your soothing voice,
your caring smile,
your gentle hands.*

*It needs your credibility,
your unique talents,
your remarkable passion,
your ability to care.*

*It needs your charisma,
your compassion,
your exceptional kindness,
your willingness to share.*

*The world needs the gifts that
make you so perfectly you!*

*Listen to your heart,
trust your strengths,
follow your joy, and
gifts you will share.*

*Your friends and family love and
are so very proud to congratulate you!
Love, Dad and Mom*





Congratulations Robert on Graduating from Medical School! From your Family and Friends Who knew you when:



In the 2nd grade, you first articulated a calling to be a doctor...

and the many times since, like this Halloween in 7th grade, where you reaffirmed your calling.

Robert, All of your super hard work has become a reality today-Congratulations! We all knew your future as "Dr Robert Sedlacek" will be stupendous, starting today! Stay sweet, caring and kind! Blessings and Love, Ronda, Mike, & Family.

You are truly a gift from God. Your loving ways truly touch the hearts of many, especially helping us in the Spanish Mass and learning our language, God bless you and your family always. Wishes that all of your dreams come true. Happiness, Peace, and Blessings forever.
Lucy Anaya

Congratulations! Dr Robert! The Marvins

Congratulations!!!!
We knew you could do it.
God Bless The Hornbecks

DR. ROBERT!!! How impressive! God be with you and best of luck in your future! - Fr. Jerry

Congratulations Dr Rob! Many blessings to you as you start your career! Save a lot of lives! Love and Prayers, Jayme

Congratulations Robert on becoming a doctor. We know that you will be a wonderful doctor, no matter where you practice. Your family and friends are very proud of you.
The Grachan Family.

Congratulations Robert
Wishing you all the best. The journey Begins "What's Up Doc!" We are proud of you.
Miss Hinchey and Jesse Hinchey

Dear Robert,

I'll never forget the day in 7th grade when you told me you wanted to be a doctor when you grow up so that you could help all the people who are sick and suffering. I also remember telling you at your 8th grade graduation that because of your steadfast dedication to you studies, I knew, even then, that someday your dream would become reality. That day is now, and that dream has been achieved. I am so proud to say that I had a small part in your journey toward that goal. Congratulations and may God bless you as you begin to live your dream.

With Love and Respect, Mrs. Mary Smith

"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad."
Alleluia! Congratulations Robert! - Father Gregor

Dr Sedlacek, You are amazing because you balance church, school, work, finances, family, and friends in spite of the intense drain earning this MD puts on your schedule. You are truly brilliant because you are knowledgeable about people and your studies. Achieving Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts of America and helping others, whether it is a Christian missions or a friend in need, makes you special. Congratulations Robert!! All God's Best Blessings, Bonnie Billa and Patrick Kelly

I have been in practice 48 years and the reason I stay interested is because I love to deal with patients. I'm sure you have the same motivation and I wish you a long and happy time as a physician. God Bless, Dr Bill Marshall

Congratulations Robert, on your accomplishment on your medical degree! I am thrilled to hear the good news. Ever since we worked together in junior high in a student and teacher relationship, I knew you were one of the best - and I am so glad to see that your talent is being recognized. Best of luck as you venture into your medical career. Many more successes are to come. Sincerely, Thomas Irwin

Congratulations Robert. We are so proud of you. We are thankful that God has made another excellent doctor. Love the Spontak/Upton Family.

Congratulations!! I am so proud of you for following your dreams of becoming a doctor. All your hard work will now pay off and you will be able to help others. Great job!!! June Jasnica

Dear Robert: It is so exciting that you are graduating from Medical School. I know your family is SO very proud of you and I want you to know that I am as well! The lives you will help have no measure! God has so blessed your life, your family, and your future! Use it well and know that I will be praying for your continued success! Love, Aunt Marge

CUT, SLICE, SEW AND MAKE OUT PRESCRIPTIONS!
However, you had to pay to learn to give IV's. I got paid to learn to give IV's, plus, I got paid for giving someone and IV. Way to go! I hope you do well in your new career. Peter Sedlacek

Congratulations on fulfilling your dream! Heather O'Connell

Dear Robert. Wow! Eight years of intensive study. You should be proud of yourself, Dr Robert Congratulations! I could say, I remember you when, but I won't. One of your Mom's, Karen

Hello Robert,

This little note is to remind you to maintain some kind of insane sense of humor in your career. You see my man, if you don't, I've hired three kangaroos and at least 2 pygmies to systematically drop rotten tomatoes and strobe lights down your shirt and your pants whenever they think you need a laugh. And if that doesn't work, they will try to serenade you all night long, in pygmy jargon.

Congratulations Rob!!!! I have seen you growing up through 8 years in St Andrew and years of High School and College. How proud can St Andrew be of you and what a role model for us. You have worked hard and never gave up - you did accomplish what you wanted. May your years ahead bless you and guide you with love and good health Mrs. Whitlock

On the serious side, I appreciate the fact that between you and my family I learned to calm down during a time of debate with someone. Now I can debate with someone without trying to stuff them into a mailbox. Anyway, thank you for the help in this area. Love in Christ, Ken Cummins

Congratulations, Robert Well Done! Tom and Marian Peters

Congratulations from making your dream come true!! Just stay away from us with that needle. Love Tom and Katie

Robert, You did it! We are all proud of you. By the way, I have this ache in my back... God Bless, Deacon Tom Powers.

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Przez te wszystkie "wczoraj," zawsze szłaś do celu,
Osiągnęłaś to co, zdobywa niewielu.
Przez twą ciężką pracę, no i wyrzeczenia,
Spełniłaś swe, a i, wszystkich nas pragnienia.
Lekarzem już jesteś, wielkie to wyzwanie,
Lecz bądź zawsze sobą, wypełniaj posłanie.
Pamiętaj kim jesteś, skąd twoje korzenie,
Skąd o życie troska i twoje natchnienie.
Czuj wciąż Naszą miłość, kochamy Cię szczerze.
I tego uczucia nikt nam nie odbierze.
Dzisiaj gratulacje złożyć Ci pragniemy,
Pełen koszyk życzeń, od Nas Ci niesiemy.
Niosą ze współpracą siostry a i brata,
Twa szczęśliwa Mama i twój dumny Tata.



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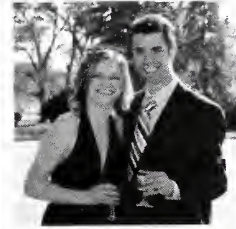
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Clinics, health fairs, and mentoring programs.
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countless students and patients.
We wish you success in residency and beyond.

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*We are proud to have contributed to your
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we wish each of you the very best and every success throughout
your medical careers.*

From The Department of
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Congratulations!
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Class of 2008

and

Especially to our New Family Physicians:



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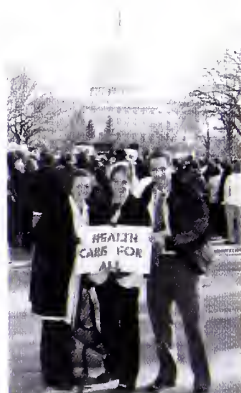
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congratulations to the Class of 2008

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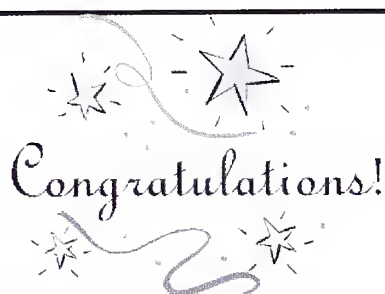
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To those who contributed content in the form of pictures, half-pages, contact info, advertisements, or through the class survey, we extend our gratitude. Without you, these pages would have been empty.

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